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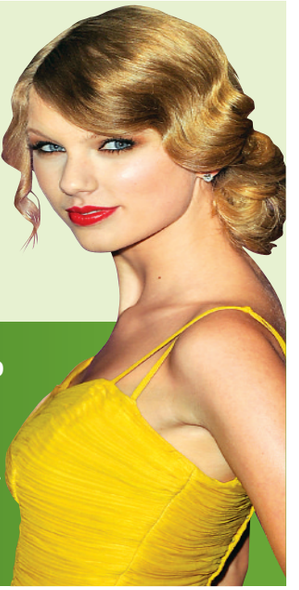

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NHL. Captain crunch

▶ Maple Leafs defenceman Dion Phaneuf battles for the puck with the Florida Panthers' David Booth during last night's game at the Air Canada Centre. The Leafs snapped a three-game winless streak with a 3-1 victory. For more coverage, see page 42.

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Leafs get back to winning ways

Our cash for their partying?

▶ About $1 billion lent yearly by government in small business loans ▶ Last year, $106 million in taxpayer money paid back to banks for defaulted loans

Millions of dollars in federal small business loan money was allegedly blown on prostitutes, booze, partying and fast cars.

A Toronto Star investigation shows the department managing the program — Industry Canada — allows banks to loan money with lax or no controls.

In one case, at least 16 loans — more than $4 million doled out $250,000 at a time over eight years — were given to a loosely associated group of GTA businessmen whose leader's past included bankruptcy and a poor credit rating.

The businessmen defaulted on each loan, but banks always approved another. Taxpayers' money refunds banks when loans go into default.

David Scenna, the alleged mastermind, went on a spending spree that included lavish parties at Toronto's Muzik nightclub, high-profile charity functions, Porsches and Mercedes cars; and thousands of dollars paid to high-end escort agencies. One series of Scenna's credit card bills for hookers was $38,000, according to documents found by a Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigation.

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Pending court case

- David Scenna and 12 other businessmen are charged with using the money for personal — not business — purposes.
- The case is before the courts with the next hearing on Friday.
- Scenna did not respond to numerous interview requests. The allegations against the men have not been proven in court.

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McGuinty open to Ford's ideas

Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne warned that Transit City is a regional plan with lots of players Wynne criticized Ford during campaign for practising 'politics of division'

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▶ Mayor-elect Rob Ford shows up to coach the Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School's football team yesterday. He told a media scrum on the sidelines that scrapping the $60 car registration tax is his No. 1 priority. His next order of business, he said, is to abolish the land transfer tax.

Ontario's Liberal government is willing to work with all the newly elected mayors and councillors across the province following Monday's municipal elections, even if their ideas differ from current provincial policy, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

The province is open to new ideas from Toronto's mayor-elect Rob Ford, including his proposal to alter the region's $17.5-billion transit plan, which was approved by — and mainly funded by — the province, said McGuinty.

Ford favours subways over streetcars, which are a major component of the current Transit City plan, but McGuinty said the province has a responsibility to listen to requests from the new city council.

McGuinty, who called Ford Monday night to offer his congratulations, declined comment on whether or not he would approve Ford's plan to cut the size of Toronto city council in half.

The premier also refused to say how he would react to Ford's plans to scrap Toronto's land transfer tax and vehicle registration tax, both of which were imposed after the city received new taxation powers from McGuinty's government.

Municipal Affairs Minister Rick Bartolucci confirmed yesterday that the city does not need Ontario's permission to rescind either of the taxes.

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Change

Opposition parties said the victory by right-wing Ford over former Liberal deputy premier George Smitherman is bad news for Dalton McGuinty (pictured) with just a year before a provincial election.

- **Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak** said he's seeing "A growing mood for change from the path we're on under Premier McGuinty."
- **NDP Leader Andrea Horwath** said, "I don't think they were a right thing or a left thing. I think they were all about change."

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Report calls for specialty universities

Greater focus would mean some 'tough choices' for Ontario schools

Ontario universities should play to their strengths instead of trying to be everything to everyone, the head of an advisory body on higher learning said yesterday, as he called for schools to focus on the programs they do best.

A report commissioned by Ontario's deputy post-secondary education minister by the Higher Education Quality Council is calling on universities to pick a specialty and stick with it.

"You will have the institutions doing what they do best, not trying to do what everybody else is doing," council president Harvey Weingarten said yesterday.

Tough economic times and a crush of students pouring into universities has schools spreading themselves too thin, Weingarten said.

A spokesperson for Training, Colleges and Universities Minister John Milloy said the minister will review the paper carefully and consult with universities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Next steps

- Weingarten said the government should coax universities to run specialized programs by offering additional funding for those who do it well.
- He has recommended the Ontario government start the transformation by asking schools in Toronto to distinguish themselves from one another.

Pink carpet

▶ Comic and former Hollywood Squares star Bruce Vilanch arrives on the pink carpet at the Princess of Wales Theatre last night for the North American premiere of Priscilla Queen of the Desert: The Musical. The show runs until Jan. 2.

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Making an entrance

Students OK after roof of school gym collapses

A quick-thinking teacher in Etobicoke may have saved her students from serious injury when she ushered them out of a basement gym minutes before the ceiling collapsed.

Part of the ceiling caved in at Etobicoke Collegiate Institute just before 10 a.m., said Chris Broadbent, manager of health and safety for the Toronto District School Board.

"The teacher ... and the students in the gym noticed some dust coming down from the ceiling, so they decided to move out of there," said Broadbent. "Shortly thereafter, a section about [a] third of the size of the gym came down."

The debris was a combination of plaster, wood and drywall, he said, and covered an area roughly three by eight metres in size. No one was injured.

Students were sent home and teachers were sent to another school to finish off their day.

Broadbent was on the scene, helping to determine whether the school could open today. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1,311

With 1,311 students, Etobicoke Collegiate is one of the largest high schools in Toronto's west end.

Hundert back in jail

Alex Hundert is back in jail after being charged with threatening the Crown attorneys prosecuting him. The accused co-conspirator of G20 violence allegedly jotted down the licence plate number of one of the two Crown attorneys after leaving Ontario's Superior Court of Justice last week. Police didn't say whether Hundert made any verbal threats. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Hudak fuming after 'bigotry' Twitter posts

Opposition leader won't accept minister's apology

An Ontario cabinet minister was forced to apologize yesterday for a tweet accusing the prime minister, Ontario's Opposition leader and Toronto's new mayor of being bigots.

But provincial Opposition Leader Tim Hudak said the wording of the apology made the situation even worse and called for the premier to fire the minister.

Glen Murray, Ontario's minister of research and innovation, posted to his Twitter feed a comment from another user on Saturday about Toronto's mayoral race.

"(Rob) Ford, Hudak and (Stephen) Harper — the trifecta of Republican-style, right-wing ignorance and bigotry," the tweet reads.

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▶ Glen Murray

The user posted that in response to a tweet from Murray saying a vote for Ford was a vote for bigotry.

Murray issued a statement the same day Hudak raised the issue in the legislature, saying he doesn't think any of the three men are bigots. But the apology statement contained other paragraphs hinting at hate within Hudak's ranks.

"I do challenge Tim Hudak to condemn strongly the hateful campaigning deployed in Toronto and to root out any of those working in his ranks who would try to exploit hatred," Murray said.

A radio ad broadcast over the weekend on the Canadian Tamil Broadcasting Corporation suggested people should vote for Rob Ford because he is married to a woman.

Ford said his campaign had nothing to do with the ad and condemned it. It is not clear who sponsored the ads.

Ford's election rival George Smitherman is married to Christopher Peloso. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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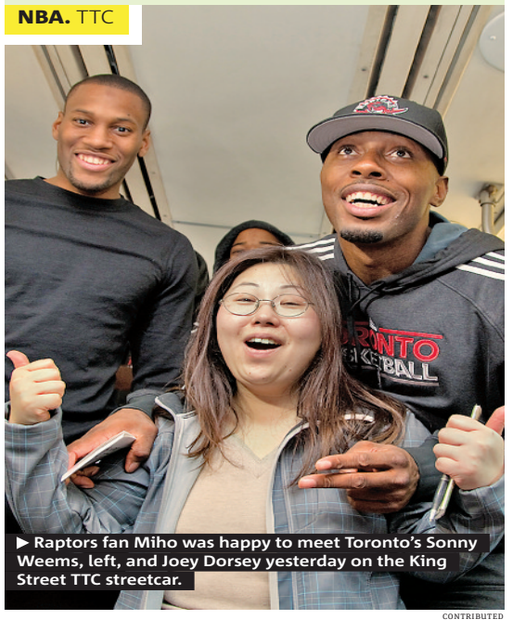

▶ Raptors fan Miho was happy to meet Toronto's Sonny Weems, left, and Joey Dorsey yesterday on the King Street TTC streetcar.

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Raptors ride with fans

Five Raptors players rode the King streetcar, which was decked out in Raptors regalia, and gave away tickets to tonight's home opener against the New York Knicks. Players Demar DeRozan, Solomon Alabi and Ed Davis also took the TTC. For the Raptors season preview, see page 44.

Trust created in musician's honour

The mother of Taylor Mitchell, the up-and-coming Toronto songwriter who died in a coyote attack last year, has established a legacy trust in her daughter's honour.

Mitchell died on Oct. 28 last year while hiking in Cape Breton. She was 19 years old.

The Taylor Mitchell Legacy Trust will put money toward community outreach to educate the public about habitat preservation, human and wildlife interaction, and safety precautions, according to a release.

Funds will also be used to promote musical expression in schools and to establish an annual bursary for young musicians administered by the Ontario Council of Folk Musicians.

The trust has been established along with a partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation, THE CANADIAN PRESS

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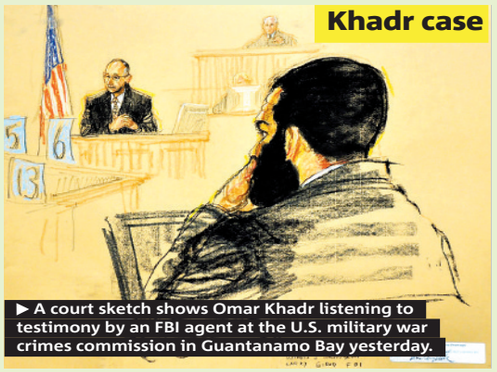

▶ A court sketch shows Omar Khadr listening to testimony by an FBI agent at the U.S. military war crimes commission in Guantanamo Bay yesterday.

'HE'S HIGHLY DANGEROUS'

Omar Khadr is an angry, bitter and remorseless jihadist with strong ties to his "al-Qaida family," a prosecution psychiatrist told a sentencing hearing yesterday for the newly convicted Canadian-born war criminal.

Khadr's mother, brothers and sister, who live in Toronto, have all expressed support for violent jihad, Dr. Michael Welner told court, as he described Khadr as the "white sheep" of the family.

During eight years in custody at the U.S. military's infamous Guantanamo Bay prison, Khadr has "marinated in radical jihadism" among his fellow prisoners and only grown more devout, Welner said during testimony one observer described as "ideological."

"He's highly dangerous," Welner said. "It is his belief that he should not have been here for a day … and that it is everybody else's fault that he is."

The jurors also heard that the "charming" and "very gracious" Khadr is considered a religious leader by other inmates at Camp 4, where he is housed.

"He murdered," Welner said. "He murdered an American soldier, which is the ultimate prize in Camp 4."

The damning testimony capped a day in which court heard how, in the midst of a deadly firefight in Afghanistan in 2002, a 15-year-old Khadr — convinced he was about to die — decided to try to kill as many Americans as he could.

The statement described how Khadr, with U.S. soldiers on his doorstep, tossed a Russian-made F1 grenade from behind a wall, dealing a mortal head wound to Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer, who succumbed to his injuries 12 days later.

The Toronto-born Khadr — who pleaded guilty Monday to five war-crimes charges, including Speer's murder — admitted to being "happy" at the news that he had killed an American soldier, and would take comfort in it while in custody. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The grocery game changer

Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers says stores are adapting to new trends ◐ Lifestyle, health, immigration are changing way we shop

The Canadian grocery business is undergoing major changes to meet the challenges of immigration, aging, new technology and health issues.

During a conference Monday and Tuesday in Toronto, the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers heard from leaders in the industry.

Serving the needs of an aging population is one of the top issues facing grocers, says John Scott, president of CFIG, a non-profit trade association founded in 1962 and representing independent, franchised and specialty grocers across the country.

Scott, a retail analyst and president of CFIG for 19 years, says the organization has noticed that a lot of people are living alone and "they shop more frequently, making it an important part of their social network."

In the past 20 years, Canada's large cities have seen an explosion of more diverse immigration than in previous years, the president and CEO of market research company Ipsos Reid noted.

"People are using the Internet in a way that have influences nobody ever anticipated a decade ago."
IPSOS REID CEO DARRELL BRICKER ON ONLINE SHOPPING

"The people who are coming here are radically different with different religions and cultural traditions," says Darrell Bricker.

Stores are also being built to reflect the area in which they do business, says Scott.

"The new Longo's store right in the heart of downtown Toronto's business district concentrates on food service. It caters to the fact that people who live in the neighbouring condos don't have much storage space and don't tend to cook a lot." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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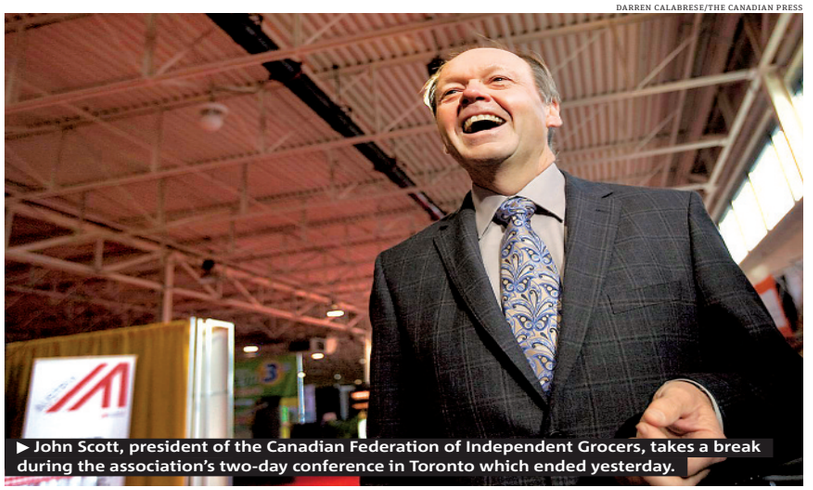

▶ John Scott, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers, takes a break during the association's two-day conference in Toronto which ended yesterday.

Tampering prompts warning

Toronto police are advising people to check food packaging carefully after two recent cases of tampering.

Police say both cases occurred this month at the same No Frills store at 1020 Islington Ave., where customers returned products that had clearly been tampered with.

One customer found a flathead screw in a container of Marzetti Ranch Veggie Dip, while another discovered a sewing needle in the packaging of the No Name Italian Style Vegetables.

Police say people should check the packaging of all food products thoroughly for signs of tampering prior to purchase.

Anyone finding evidence of tampering after making a purchase is asked to retain the product, packaging and any receipt and contact police or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Audit criticizes purchases of military copters

Defence planners misled Treasury Board: Auditor General ◗ Tories plan to spend $16B on stealth fighters

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▶ Sheila Fraser

Auditor general Sheila Fraser has slammed National Defence and Public Works for huge cost overruns and delays in the purchase of new military helicopters.

The scathing analysis of programs to buy choppers for maritime patrol and army battlefield operations was the highlight of her fall report, released yesterday.

Its harsh criticisms of these military procurement projects could have repercussions for the Conservative government's plan to spend $16 billion on new stealth fighters.

Other chapters of Fraser's report looked at the Conservative government's stimulus program and the regulation of big banks.

But it was the combined $11-billion purchase of CH-148 Cyclones and CH-147F Chinook helicopters that drew the most fire.

Fraser said both programs are years behind schedule, far over their initial cost estimates and — in the case of the sole-sourced Chinooks — "the contract award process was not fair, open and transparent."

In its response, Public Works Canada strongly disagreed with her findings.

The audit accused defence planners of deliberately misleading the federal Treasury Board by claiming — at the beginning — they were buying "off-the-shelf" helicopters.

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Today's photo of the day is by Canadian tlml78 and was submitted in the emotions category. The photo is titled: Tension (Waiting on Thunder). Enter your photos today and view more pictures at metrophotochallenge.ca.

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Iran opens nuclear power plant

Iran began the process of loading 163 fuel rods into the reactor core of its first nuclear power plant yesterday, celebrating the achievement as proof that Tehran can outmanoeuvre international sanctions.

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Corrupt nation gets Canadian cash: Report

Corruption scores declined among a number of countries 'rattled by the financial crisis': Official

The No. 1 recipient of Canadian taxpayers' foreign-aid dollars is the second-most corrupt country in the world, a new report says.

Afghanistan tied with the military dictatorship in Myanmar as the second-most corrupt country on the planet, according to the annual audit by the Berlin-based group Transparency International. Somalia won the dubious distinction as most corrupt on the organization's annual Corruption Perceptions Index.

Scale

On the least-corrupt scale, Canada inched up to sixth from eighth from a year earlier in the ranking of 178 countries. Denmark, New Zealand and Singapore topped the list as the countries with the most virtuous public sectors.

Through 2001, Canada has earmarked $1.9 billion in development assistance to Afghanistan, the single-largest recipient of its foreign-aid spending.

Western concerns about corruption in Afghanistan have been an issue for years, and they were revived this week when President Hamid Karzai admitted his government receives bags of cash from Iran totalling in the millions of dollars.

"Unstable governments with a history of conflict continue to dominate the bottom rungs (of the index,)" said Huguette Labelle, the organization's chair.

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China. Trains

▶ A police officer stands guard yesterday beside a bullet train that travels a new high-speed railway linking Shanghai with Hangzhou in Shanghai, China.

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Bullet trains on track

Many, but not all, of the trains plying the new railway between Shanghai's western suburb of Hongqiao and Hangzhou will travel the 200 kilometres in 45 minutes, about half the time trains usually take to make the trip at their fastest speeds.

Rapist ex-cop gets early release

A disgraced former police officer, who was a serial rapist convicted of attacking primarily teen girls, is getting out of jail early.

The National Parole Board has ruled that Benoit Guay qualifies for a statutory release after serving two-thirds of his sentence. The veteran Montreal cop was arrested in 2006 and convicted the next year for sex assaults against eight young women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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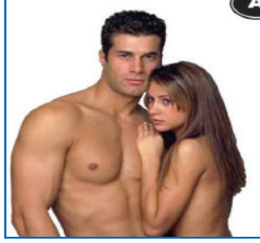

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▶ A villager in Kaliadem, Indonesia, watches Mount Merapi erupt yesterday.

Twin disasters rock Indonesia

Tsunami, volcano eruption occur hours apart in one of the most seismically active regions on the planet

A volcanic eruption and a tsunami killed scores of people hundreds of miles apart in Indonesia — spasms from the Pacific "Ring of Fire," which spawns disasters from deep within the Earth.

Yesterday's eruption of Mount Merapi killed at least 18 people, forced thousands to flee down its slopes and spewed burning ash and smoke high into the air on the island of Java.

Meanwhile, off the coast of Sumatra, about 1,300 kilometres west of the volcano, rescuers battled rough seas to reach Indonesia's Mentawai islands, where a 10-foot tsunami triggered by an earthquake Monday night swept away hundreds of homes, killing at least 113 villagers, said Mujiharto of the Health Ministry's crisis centre. Up to 500 others are missing.

Scientists have warned that pressure building beneath Merapi's lava dome could trigger its most powerful explosion in years.

A 2006 eruption at Merapi killed two people, one in 1994 killed 60 people, and a 1930 blast killed 1,300. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Some 220 million Walkman players have been sold since the first model, the TPS-L2, above, debuted in July 1979. It retailed for $200 US.

Walkman runs out of power ... for good

Sony's iconic device made music the soundtrack of everyday life

The Walkman, the Sony cassette device that forever changed music listening before becoming outdated by digital MP3 players and iPods, has died. It was 31 years old.

Sony announced Monday that it has ceased production of the classic, cassette tape Walkman in Japan, sounding the death knell of the once iconic, now obsolete device.

The Walkman is survived by the Discman (still clinging to life). It will continue to be produced in China and distributed in the U.S., Europe and some Asian countries. Digital Walkmans are also being made with models that display lyrics and have improved noise-cancelling technology.

Still, if you're looking to chisel a date in the Walkman's tombstone, then Oct. 25, 2010, is as good as any. Perhaps Oct. 23, 2001, the day the iPod was launched, is the better date of expiration.

But none of the success of Apple's portable music players would have happened without the cassette Walkman. Originally called the "Soundabout" in the U.S., the Walkman was an immediate sensation and a revolution in music listening. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Prime Minister Harper at a wreath laying ceremony at the Taras Shevchenko Monument yesterday in Kyiv, Ukraine.

PM's certainly no Red

Harper delivers speech at Ukrainian Catholic University During speech, prime minister repudiates ideology of failed communist regimes

A Ukrainian historian and a university rector who have been pressured and intimidated by their government received the special backing of Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday, as he concluded a trip designed to highlight Canada's support for freedoms in the wavering democracy.

Harper was greeted by Rev. Borys Gudziak, who was recently approached by internal security police about the activities of his students. They pressed him to rein in those who were protesting President Viktor Yanukovych's policies.

"Society needs to be vigilant about its principles and about its freedoms," said Gudziak. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No conflict of interest, vows new PM staffer

Stephen Harper's new chief of staff says he'll be happy to appear before a parliamentary ethics committee to discuss potential conflicts of interest and his eventual return to the private sector.

Nigel Wright, a senior executive with Onex Corp., in Toronto, is taking a leave of absence to serve as Harper's top adviser in the Prime Minister's Office. The uncommon arrangement has prompted complaints by opposition MPs that Wright will face a host of business conflicts in his new role.

What is Onex?

A huge private equity investment firm and holding company that is involved in many sectors of the economy, ranging from private health care to aerospace, auto parts and cultural industries.

Wright, in a letter to the chairman of the Commons committee on access to information, privacy and ethics, says a 2006 statute was designed specifically to address potential conflicts "For individuals intending to come from other walks of life to work within the government of Canada."

As chief of staff, Wright will be the key gatekeeper to the prime minister for both individual and policy issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Serbia. Commander

▶ The European Union says Serbia's request to join the EU is dependent on whether it tries to arrest war crimes fugitive Ratko Mladic, pictured here in graffiti.

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Serbia hopes to join EU

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Suit dropped in judge sex scandal

The man who claims he was pressured to have sex with a Manitoba judge has dropped another lawsuit.

Alexander Chapman has abandoned his claim against the law firm where judge Lori Douglas once worked.

Chapman initially sued Douglas, her husband Jack King and the firm where they used to work for $67 million. He claims King harassed him to have sex with Douglas and showed him explicit sexual photos of her.

Chapman abandoned his lawsuit against the judge last month.

Chapman is still suing King, but King's lawyer argued yesterday that the case should be dismissed and a Court of Queen's Bench judge reserved his decision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigations

- The Canadian Judicial Council is investigating a complaint of unethical behaviour against Lori Douglas filed by Alexander Chapman. The Law Society of Manitoba is investigating a similar complaint filed by Chapman against Jack King.

Don't count on forests to offset emissions: Study

86 tree types examined on more than 2,300 sites

The trees and forests long thought to be a key weapon in the fight against rising carbon emissions may not be effective in long-term efforts to combat global warming, researchers suggested yesterday.

A new study from the University of Guelph found rising carbon levels failed to stimulate faster growth in 80 per cent of the world's trees, despite the fact the gas typically accelerates growth in plants.

Only 20 per cent of trees appeared to respond positively to higher carbon levels, prompting researchers to urge countries to rethink their long-term environmental policies.

Ze'ev Gedalof, co-author of the study, said the results challenge long-held assumptions about forests' role in the fight to curb carbon emissions.

Many forecast models are based on the principle that higher carbon levels will allow trees to thrive, he said, adding the findings expose a potential flaw in popular environmental policy.

"Our research suggests that, in fact, it's not going to happen. That we can't look to forests to achieve our Kyoto obligations, that we can't look to forests to offset emissions from burning fossil fuels," Gedalof said in a telephone interview.

"They're not going to be these vacuum cleaners that will magically suck up the CO2 that we're emitting." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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England. State visit

▶ Queen Elizabeth II shows the Emir of Qatar Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani around exhibits from the Royal Collection at Windsor Castle in England yesterday at the start of a three-day state visit.

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Police look into filming of school student

University has emailed a security bulletin to everyone in the Dalhousie community

Halifax police are investigating after a woman at Dalhousie University complained that someone secretly videotaped her walking around the downtown campus, then posted the images on YouTube with a sexually suggestive caption.

The video is among 29 similar recordings uploaded to the website, university spokesman Charles Crosby said yesterday.

At least six of the videos show young women on campus, most of them outside, he said. But the location is unclear in the other videos, some of which show women in grocery stores and offices.

More than half of the videos in question show women from the waist down, all of them wearing leggings of some sort.

"They appear to be videos that someone has shot from a low angle, following women around," Crosby.

He said the videos were posted online "with some salacious captioning."

Police say the video camera appears to have been obscured from sight, possibly hidden in a bag.

Investigators were on the campus talking to students and staff. All but seven of the videos have been uploaded in the past three weeks. Some of them have been viewed more than 6,000 times.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Who?

According to the website, the unnamed 23-year-old person managing the YouTube channel set it up in January 2009, and has 364 subscribers.

France. Garbage

▶ A garbage collector begins tackling Marseille's reeking mounds of trash yesterday.

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Union votes for end to protest

Striking garbage collectors in Marseille, France, faced 9,000 tons of garbage that have piled up in the streets in the past two weeks. The FO union voted Monday evening to end the protest over concerns over hygiene and safety. City authorities said it would take four to five days before France's second largest city starts looking, and smelling, like itself.

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‘Stolen material’ in enemy hands: U.S.

- Biggest leak of secret information in American history
- Pentagon wants to stop more documents from leaking

U.S. enemies already are combing through data released last week in a trove of Iraq war documents for ways to harm the American military, the Pentagon’s No. 2 official said yesterday.

U.S. Deputy Defence Secretary William J. Lynn called the documents “stolen material” and said they give adversaries key insight on how the U.S. military operates. He did not say which groups, or how the Pentagon knew they were researching the documents.

“There are groups out there that have said they are indeed mining this data to turn around and use against us,” Lynn told a small group of reporters during a brief visit to Baghdad. “We think this is problematic.”

▶ Julian Assange, founder of the WikiLeaks website, speaks during a press conference in London on Saturday.

The Pentagon furiously opposed the documents’ release Saturday by the whistle-blower WikiLeaks website. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WikiLeaks

WikiLeaks posted about 77,000 Afghanistan war logs on its site in July.

- **The group is** also believed to have another 15,000 Afghan war field reports, 260,000 diplomatic cables and U.S. video of casualties in Afghanistan.
- **The documents** show U.S. forces turned detainees over to Iraqi forces even after signs of abuse.
- **The United Nations’** top human rights official has called on the U.S. and Iraq to investigate allegations of detainee abuse contained in the newest WikiLeaks war logs.

News in brief

Death sentence for Tariq Aziz

BAGHDAD. Tariq Aziz, the dapper diplomat and highest-ranking Christian in Saddam Hussein’s regime, was sentenced yesterday to death by hanging for persecuting members of the Shiite religious parties that now dominate Iraq. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ducks land on tailings ponds

OIL. Alberta says Syncrude was not the only oilsands company to have birds land on its toxic tailings ponds in recent days. A spokeswoman said Suncor and Shell also reported birds landing on their ponds during a period of freezing rain Monday. Syncrude says 230 birds died after landing on its ponds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Probe into Hill renos

PUBLIC WORKS. There was no political meddling in a big-money Parliament Hill renovation contract now under investigation by the RCMP, bureaucrats told a House of Commons committee yesterday. Four senior Public Works officials appeared to explain how a Montreal company landed the contract over four other firms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

University in Kosovo bans staff over 50

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Tougher mobile market impacts Rogers' profits

Wireless services added fewer new subscribers in 3rd quarter Spent more to retain existing customers

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▶ Nadir Mohamed, Rogers chief executive

Rogers Communications Inc. profits dropped by 24 per cent in the third quarter as it battled stiffer competition in the wireless market, spending more money on its smartphone customers.

Net income for the Toronto-based wireless, cable and media company weakened to $370 million, or 64 cents per share, in the three-month period ended Sept. 30. That's down from $485 million, or 79 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

Rogers said yesterday that heightened competition in the overall market resulted in fewer net subscriber additions of 125,000 to its wireless services, compared with 167,000 in the same quarter last year.

Chief executive Nadir Mohamed said new wireless players have had "for the most part, fairly limited impact."

Rogers said it activated and upgraded 529,000 smartphones, mostly BlackBerrys and iPhones, compared with 370,000 in the same period in 2009.

The company said it spent $221 million on customer retention in the quarter, including subsidies on handset upgrades, compared with $148 million in the same quarter last year.

Rob Bruce, president of Rogers' wireless division, said new devices like the iPhone 4, BlackBerry Torch, and Android operating system smartphones are driving the higher number of upgrades.

The average subsidy on smartphones has gone up to $241 from $205, he said. The subsidies allow customers to buy expensive smartphones for less.

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Automotive. Sales

▶ A Ford dealership in San Jose, Calif.

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Ford Motor in top gear

Ford Motor Co.'s third-quarter net income rose 68 per cent as it grabbed a bigger share of the U.S. auto market and buyers paid more for its highly-rated cars and trucks. It was Ford's sixth straight quarterly profit and the company's best third-quarter performance since at least 1990.

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Economy will remain weak, predicts EDC

Export credit agency sees loonie at around 95¢ US in 2011 Export sales to stay below pre-recession peak

The unexpected slowdown of the global economy is ushering in the greatest test of the post-recession period, according to Export Development Canada's (EDC) Autumn 2010 Global Export Forecast.

Many thought the sharp, six-month rebound that began a year ago signalled the recovery was in full swing. But the economy got very quiet midway through this year and recovery is still at least a year away, said EDC chief economist Peter Hall.

Export Development forecasts the global economy will grow by 4.2 per cent this year and 3.9 per cent in 2011.

Challenges

Four drivers to global demand that will be challenged in the short term:

- **Big-market consumers.** They have been nervously paying down debt and could be frightened into more excessive thrift.
- **Stimulus spending has ended.** There are doubts about the affordability and impact of more stimulus.
- **Lending.** Financial institutions remain reticent.
- **Emerging markets.** Slower growth is weighing down key emerging markets, which thus far have buoyed overall demand.

In developed economies, growth will reach 2.4 per cent in 2010 and 2.1 per cent in 2011.

Emerging markets will generally be weaker, growing by 5.9 per cent in 2011 after expanding by 6.4 per cent this year.

The global numbers at first don't look bad, but mask a weakening of the economy, Hall said. Growth for 2010 is largely ended, while the 2011 forecast is expected in the latter part of this year.

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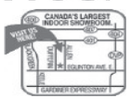

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DIRTY BUSINESS OF 'GREENWASHING'

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

It ain't easy being green.

Or maybe it's too easy. According to one source, 95.6 per cent of all "green" consumer products make at least one dubious claim about their environmental purity.

Quick, point me to the aisle where they keep the other 4.4 per cent.

It's called "greenwashing" and it's out of control if you believe an environmental marketing firm called TerraChoice.

It's even worse for baby products: 99.2 per cent. These people are picking on infants. If there's a hell, there's a green room just for these guys.

We've seen all this before. Remember, in no particular order: Non-fat; low cholesterol; vitamin C; low carbs; and the granddaddy of them all, low tar and nicotine cigarettes. They're good for you.

Part of this is wishful thinking on our part. Oh, look, green detergent! The planet is safe!

Mostly, it's opportunistic liars trying to pull a fast one. They'll try anything: Fake labels that make it look as if the product has been given some green housekeeping seal of approval. Or proudly announce their product is CFC-free. Of course it is. CFCs are banned.

"Mostly, it's opportunistic liars trying to pull a fast one."

I could go on. The list is endless.

And if that's not bad enough, there's this blogger who is making headlines across the country. Vivian Krause, who has been following the money, says Canadian environmental groups are mere branch plants of giant U.S. foundations that have decided to go to war against the Alberta oilsands.

We hear from Greenpeace and the Sierra Club, but we don't hear that dozens of Canadian organizations have received millions from one source, San Francisco-based Tides U.S. And that's only part of a multimillion-dollar effort targeted at the tarsands and pipeline projects by a few huge U.S. foundations.

One whopping grant, $27.6 million, went to "mobilize First Nations against climate change in B.C." by hiring a co-ordinator to "engage with government, industry, environmental groups, media and the public regarding the proposed Enbridge Gateway tarsands pipeline." Where do I apply?

Who are these guys and why are they bankrolling Canada's environmental movement? Because it's easier than cleaning up their own backyard? Only Krause seems to know. Look her up at www.fair-questions.com.

My point is simple. Of course we want to save the planet for our children. But we need to trust those who would speak on behalf of our hopes and fears.

There's nothing green about the same old BS.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Panda proliferation

Worth mentioning

Baby boom

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China's panda population is booming this year thanks to a record number of births in captivity, a rare accomplishment for the endangered species known for being poor breeders.

The most recent addition — the birth of female twins — brought the total number of births this year to 19, surpassing the record of 18 births in 2006, Tang Chunxiang, an expert at the Wolong Panda reserve in Sichuan province, said yesterday.

Giant panda "Yo Yo" gave birth to healthy twins at the reserve last week.

Tang attributed this year's record number of births to better research on panda nutrition, artificial insemination, genetics and creating a more natural habitat for the pandas in which to thrive.

Pandas are threatened by a loss of habitat, poaching and a low reproduction rate. Females in the wild normally have a cub once every two or three years. Fertility rates of captive giant pandas are even lower, experts say. Only about 1,600 pandas live in the wild, mostly in Sichuan in southwest China. Through artificial insemination, researchers have been able increase the number of pandas in captivity to more than 300 — a number experts say should remain steady.

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Metro Minute with bubble tea

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▶ Bubble tea has quietly taken its place among the cultural landscape.

A decade ago, it was the coolest drink in a glass. Now, bubble tea has quietly taken its place among the cultural landscape, with young people spilling out of tea shops on weekends, playing cards, sipping fluorescent concoctions, and fighting to be heard over a soundtrack of appalling pop music.

Tapioca fan or not, we often don't realize how much we love that honeydew and milk combo until we're in some primitive place where they've never heard of it. For the informed tea connoisseur, the best brew for your buck doesn't use powders. TenRen's and Go For Tea (with several locations around town) are perennial fan favourites.

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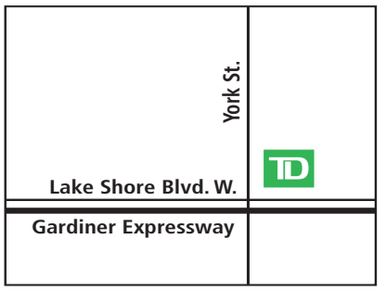

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The best in bad horror

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Halloween is a holiday practically designed for horror movie fanatics, but if paralyzing yourself with fear while surrounded by friends, salty snacks, and soda doesn't sound like the ideal way of celebrating the holiday, then fear not.

There is another way.

Sometimes it can be just as entertaining to laugh at an unimaginably bad horror film as it is to be scared by an effective one. With that in mind, we'd like to make a few suggestions for unintentionally comedic horror movies sure to have you giggling like a trick 'r treater on a sugar high this Halloween.

Foreign terror

If trash movies don't appeal to you but you're still tired of the typical Halloween horror movie classics, why not sample some scare factories from around the world. Here are a few recommendations guaranteed to offer the most terrifying time you've ever spent reading subtitles.

1. Nosferatu (1922, Germany)
2. Suspiria (1977, Italy)
3. Eyes Without A Face (1960, France)
4. Battle Royale (2000, Japan)
5. Diabolique (1955, France):
6. Audition (1999, Japan)
7. Black Sunday (1960, Italy)
8. Calivaire (2004, France)
9. [Rec] 2 (2009, Spain)
10. The Devil's Backbone (2001, Spain)

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1

Troll 2

This nearly incomprehensible movie about a family terrorized by a group of vegetarian goblins who can be defeated by bologna sandwiches (actual plot) has deservedly become a cult classic with endless revival screenings and a possible sequel in the works. Believe the hype. Trash doesn't get much more deliciously awful than this.

2

Ed Wood

The man universally accepted as the worst director of all time deserves a special spot on this list for a career dedicated to z-movie dreck like 1955's Bride Of The Monster. His cinematic failures have proven to last longer than many successes from his era thanks to Wood's charming combination of undeterred confidence, determination, and a vacuum of talent. Cardboard gravestones, flying saucers hanging from strings, transvestites, and Bela Lugosi. Ed Wood movies have it all.

3

Carny

This direct to DVD circus-demon-on-the-run horror movie may have only been released last year, but earned a spot on the list for its laughable CGI, brutal dialogue ("Mister, you told me that monster was safe."), and a career worst performance from Lou Diamond Philips. There might not be a cult audience for this cinematic toilet just yet, but give it time.

4

Killer Clowns From Outerspace:

The title says it all. It's physically impossible to have a bad time watching this.

5

Troma

Finally, if you can't decide on a specific terrible title, you can't go wrong with anything from schlock-master Lloyd Kaufman's trash factory Troma Entertainment. Everything this company has released would fit the bill from The Toxic Avenger to Killer Condom or even the South Park creators' film debut Cannibal: The Musical. No one has more fun lowering the bar than Uncle Lloyd.

2 scene

News in brief

No need for time travel for Michael J. Fox. The actor says he's happy with his life just the way it is.

In fact, Fox says if he could jump in a DeLorean time machine — like his Back to the Future character Marty McFly — and share any advice, he would say "keep doing what you're doing." Fox says the role brought him to where he is now and he "wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Fox marked the 25th anniversary of Back to the Future at an event Monday in New York City.

He says the 1985 film gave him worldwide notoriety and that he could "walk down the street in Bangkok" and hear "Marty McFly!"

Fox was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1991. He no longer acts regularly, but will appear on an upcoming episode of The Good Wife on CBS.

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▶ Mary Murphy

So You Think You Can Dance will undergo another format overhaul after disappointing ratings over the summer, says Mary Murphy, the high-octane ballroom expert who served as guest judge and choreographer on the U.S. reality series.

Murphy, who also appeared as a guest judge on the Canadian version of the dance competition, says last season's decision to incorporate all-star dancers into weekly routines did not entirely resonate with audiences.

"Ratings did drop in the States this last season and so they're going to make changes," Murphy said backstage at So You Think You Can Dance Canada, which crowned ballroom dancer Denys Drozdyuk the winner Sunday.

"We're probably going back to the way that we used to do it and they're going to keep the all-stars as well, so they're going to do half of the show the way it used to be done and the later half of the show with the all-stars. How that's going to work out, exactly, I'm not sure yet because does that mean we increase the season if we start off with 20 dancers? Or we may be kicking more dancers off than one couple at a time. It'll be very interesting to see how that plays."

Last spring, series creator Nigel Lythgoe announced a slew of changes that included a Top 10 instead of a Top 20, one weekly elimination instead of two, and a pool of former So You Think You Can Dance all-stars to serve as partners.

Murphy says she felt the change took away some of the drama that emerges when novice dancers tackle a genre they're unfamiliar with.

"Everybody knew they had somebody that was a pro in that division, someone that they can go home and practise with and know what they're talking about," she says.

"When you get two different styles together and then they draw another style that they know nothing of, we're all sitting at home and we're sitting there as judges going, 'Oh my gosh, this might be a train wreck!' But when they do it halfway good you're all fired up over it. We didn't have that this season."

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TV Picks

Ghouls in the house

Modern Family goes Halloween with Claire declaring it her favourite day and tricking out the house for the occasion. But Cameron is not a fan of Halloween and is still haunted by a traumatic childhood experience. (Citytv)

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Erica's pride put to the test

It's gay pride weekend in Toronto on Being Erica, and Erica is encouraged by Dr. Tom to let loose. Things are heating up with fellow time-traveller Adam and Cassidy is back in town, too. (CBC)

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▶Willow Smith has become a viral sensation with her first single Whip My Hair. The song debuted on iTunes yesterday.

Willow Smith, daughter of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith, first entered the limelight three years ago, playing the daughter of her father's character in the blockbuster movie I Am Legend. At that time, it seemed as if she would follow in the acting footsteps of her parents, much like her brother, Jaden, who earlier this year had his own smash movie with the remake of The Karate Kid.

But Willow was more influenced by her parents' musical careers: Will Smith is a Grammy winner who got his start rapping, and Jada Pinkett Smith has toured the country as part of a metal band.

"I would go on tour with them and watch them and I'd be like, 'Oh my gosh, that's what I wanna do,'" she said.

Willow said she decided not to wait to pursue her musical career until she got older — say, as a teenager.

"I wanted to make a difference now, (and) because I wanted to be big and famous like my mommy and daddy and help people," she said.

Willow describes her style as "punk rock meets preppy" and said her musical idols include Billy Idol – "his music is really tight," she explains — and Lady Gaga.

Willow said she wants her music to help everyone to follow his or her own path "to be individuals and do what they think is good, and to just be themselves."

And that's the advice her parents gave her. "They said never be afraid to be yourself," she said, "even when you're in the spotlight."

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Talking points

Nyqvist goes to Hollywood?

"The thing is that the world has changed a lot with films. When I started 30 years ago as an actor, you played in your own language... Today when you even do a movie in Sweden there are French actors, Italian actors, Danish actors, American actors. The boarders are more open and I love that... I did a film in Taiwan this summer and got to meet actors from Taiwan, China, and all over Asia."
–Michael Nygvist

Trilogy anarchy

"I think when you read the books or you see the films you identify with these two characters who can actually change their lives and society. That's thrilling. There is kind of an anarchistic force to the story that people respond to. You feel a sense of power when you see it and think, 'I can change my life too.' I think that's the key of the success."
–Michael Nyqvist

Plea for innocence ends Swedish trio

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest is the last film in Stieg Larsson's Millennium Triology ◐ Audiences await David Fincher's Hollywood remake

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The release of The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest signals the end of Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy in cinemas (at least until David Fincher's Hollywood remake). It would have been impossible to predict that the story of a computer hacker and a renegade magazine editor solving Swedish sex crimes would become a world-

▶ Michael Nygvist plays Mikael Blomkvist in the film.

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Lyrics come to Life

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▶ Keith Richards says the Rolling Stones almost imploded because Mick Jagger thought he was "Bigger than the Stones." The pair's story relationship is described in Richards' memoir Life.

Nearly 30 years after Mick Jagger gave up on writing a memoir, alleging he had forgotten everything, Keith Richards has emerged as a bestselling author who seems to have retained it all.

Co-written by journalist and White Mischief author James Fox, Life topped the bestseller list on Amazon.com even before publication yesterday.

It is a firsthand journey from wartime London through the wilder parts of the 1960s and 1970s and beyond.

Richards was born east of London, in Dartford, in 1943. The Nazis were dropping bombs at the time, his mother told him. "That was evidence that Hitler was on my trail," Richards writes.

He remembers "landscapes of rubble," bombed-out streets and beatings in the schoolyard. His father was often away.

He was a choir boy crushed at age 13 when his voice changed and his talents were no longer needed. "It still rankles, that humiliation. It still hasn't gone out, that fire," he writes. "That's when I realized there's bigger bullies than just bullies. There's them, the authorities."

Rock 'n' roll, he likes to say, changed the world from black and white to technicolor. On the radio, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry were shouts from a party he was dying to join. On paper, he found a lonely, fictional soulmate in Holden Caulfield of The Catcher in the Rye.

"It just opened me up, just – wow," Richards says of J.D. Salinger's novel. "A kid from another country, and a certain sense that the emotions were pretty much universal. You could feel just as disconnected in Iowa or New York as you can in Berlin or London or anywhere else."

In 1961, he was on a train and ran into Mick Jagger, a childhood acquaintance from Posh Town, the cleaner side of town. Jagger was carrying rock and blues albums under his arms and a musical bond was born. Mick liked to sing; Keith could play. By 1962, the Rolling Stones were a working band; by 1963, a live sensation; and by the mid-1960s they were international outlaws, the dark side of their friends and rivals the Beatles.

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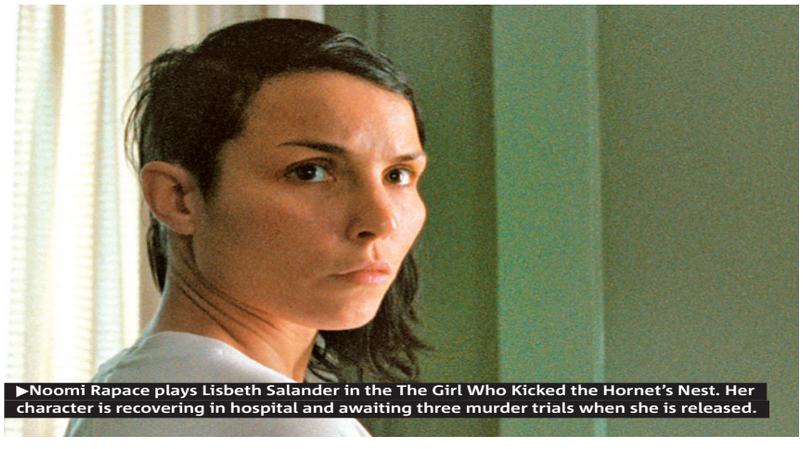
wide phenomenon, but the series has struck a chord with seemingly all audiences. Actor Michael Nyqvist was an award-winning star in Sweden before taking on the role of Millennium editor Mikael Blomkvist. Now his celebrity is international, and he's currently playing the villain in Mission Impossible 4.

Surprisingly, Nyqvist was unfamiliar with the Larsson's novels before taking on the films. "Everybody had read the books, so I thought, 'OK, it's like the Da Vinci Code; I'm never going to.' I'm a snob," the actor joked with Metro. "Once the director told me the story I ran home and read the books in three days. I knew they would make the very good films immediately." The actor spent a year shooting all three movies consecutively, an experience unlike anything in his 30-year-career. "I was afraid in the beginning because I'd never done that before," admitted Nyqvist. "In the past when I played a tragic role, I would do a comedic one right away. I was always looking for something different. But the whole idea with this project was to go through a marathon. It was very strange, but satisfying."

Adapting novels that were already global hits carries with it a great deal of pressure. However, Nyqvist is quick to acknowledge that everyone involved knew they had to ignore that to avoid being crushed by expectations. "When we started shooting I found out that 50 million people had read the books like a plague taking over the whole world," recalled Nyqvist. "There were 50 million films in the heads of readers out there and we couldn't try to make those films. We had to do our own."

Two directors

▶ Niels Oplev didt he first film and Daniel Alfredson did the second and third films.



▶Noomi Rapace plays Lisbeth Salander in the The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest. Her character is recovering in hospital and awaiting three murder trials when she is released.

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Taylor, Jake seen in NYC together

Songstress and Brokeback Mountain actor showed up at SNL Then seen the next day having brunch

Taylor Swift has reportedly been getting cozy with Jake Gyllenhaal while in New York, showing up at Saturday Night Live together last weekend to cheer on pal Emma Stone, according to People magazine.

"They walked around together backstage, but they were careful not to be seen too close.

"It was hard to tell if they were together, but everyone was shocked that she brought him," a source says, adding that they were spotted in Brooklyn the next morning having brunch with another couple and strolling around the neighbourhood.

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Taylor Swift

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Jessica Simpson

Simpson happy with new BF

Jessica Simpson is totally smitten with new boyfriend Eric Johnson, and she wants everyone to know about it.

"He definitely makes me very happy. He brings out a lot of light in me and makes me very comfortable being who I am," she tells USA Today. And though she's been divorced once before, she hasn't been put off tying the knot completely.

"I am from the South so I've definitely dreamed of being married my whole life and having children, so hopefully that's in my future," she says.

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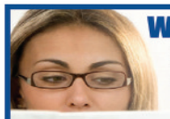

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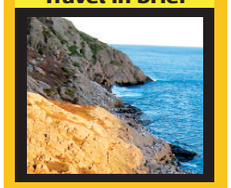

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Publican Restaurant
One of the hippest new spots in Chicago, is an ode to local foods. It's busy day and night — offering a great drinks menu, daily specials and staples such as spicy pork rinds served in a giant cone; a plate of aged ham with samples from Spain, Iowa and Virginia; creamy, crispy fried sweetbreads; or a pig's head. Order a lot and share with friends. Dinner for two: $100 with drinks.

Hot Doug's selection.

Hot Doug's
This is no regular hot dog place. Any time during opening hours, there's a one-hour lineup around the building. The menu offers more than a dozen of the wildest hot dogs — such as a foie gras and sauternes duck sausage dog; a spicy Thai chicken sausage; blue cheese pork sausage; smoked shrimp and pork sausage; or the Game of the Week dog with meats like crocodile and ostrich. Meal for two: $30 with drinks.

Frontera Grill
One of the city's best-loved restaurants for its creamy guacamoles, refreshing ceviches and grilled meats. Meal for two: $100 with drinks.

Vie Restaurant
It is in the small town of Western Springs, a 30-minute train ride from downtown. Chef Paul Virant uses ingredients from local farms to create some of the most inventive dishes in the Chicago area. A meal here is around $150 for dinner for two — but its a steal because of the quality of the food.

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▶ The Boston Children's Museum is a must-see in Fort Point Channel. If you visit, be sure to check out its soaring glass lobby.

Boston's art colony is a real-life adventure for tourists ◐ Not bad for an area that once was just a swamp

Fort Point Channel was once nothing but swampland and tidal marsh.

In the 19th century, it became an industrial centre, warehousing wool from around New England.

Today, the 22-hectare landmark district abutting South Boston has reinvented itself as an artists' colony, complete with lofts, studios, galleries and museums.

Many of them are located in the distinctive red-and-yellow brick-and-granite buildings that once housed factories.

The revitalization of Fort Point Channel, located near South Station, has brought trendy restaurants, bars and of course tourists, making the neighbourhood a new destination with a long history that even includes a connection to the Tea Party — the original one, that is, from 1773.

Sue and Bob Schmidt, exploring the neighbourhood on a visit from Chicago, sat in a waterfront plaza in the area sipping coffee as a couple of pigeons pecked on crumbs under their table and seagulls perched on a nearby railing.

"It's very tranquil, very tranquil. As you can see, the birds are going to come up and sit with you."
SUE SCHMIDT,
VISITING FROM CHICAGO

"People are very friendly and everything is quaint and easily accessible," Sue said.

Fort Point Channel's transition from industrial to up-and-coming has taken place over the past three decades.

About 300 artists live in the area now, one of the highest concentrations in New England, said Gabrielle Schaffner of Fort Point Arts Community, a non-profit group run by members of the neighbourhood creative community.

▶ For tourists, the Boston artists' colony is a new destination with a long history.

The artists hold open houses during the Fort Point Open Studios weekend, drawing thousands of visitors twice a year.

In addition to being an attractive destination for art enthusiasts, the area lures families, shoppers, diners, history buffs and others seeking alternatives to the cobbled alleys of Beacon Hill, the Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall and other Boston locations.

One of Fort Point Channel's newest galleries is located in the headquarters of Grand Circle Corp., a travel tour company.

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Not kids' stuff

The Boston Children's Museum is one of Fort Point Channel's prime attractions.

- The museum offers interactive, hands-on and creative exhibits, including a three-storey climbing structure made up of curved platforms rising up a glass lobby with a panoramic view of downtown Boston.
- "It's pretty vibrant and I like the way it's integrated into the port. You can see out," said Madeline LaPlante, 24, visiting from Indianapolis.

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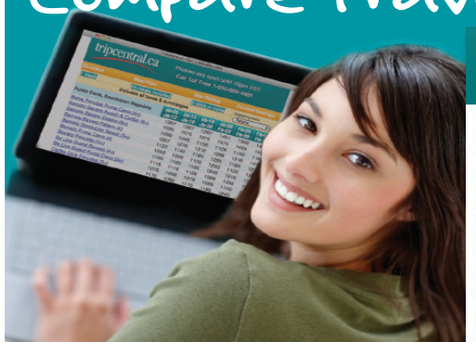

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Gone are the days when San Diego meant a brief visit to a world famous zoo, or a sunny respite for day trippers on the way to Tijuana Mexico.

The city is bustling with more and more Canadian tourists or snowbirds lately, mainly because there is a heck of a lot more to do, than just work on the old tan.

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Actually, they turned out to be a couple of 12 inch cod, but what's a fish story without gross exaggeration?

For the more adventurous there's big yellow tail, sea bass and even shark to be caught.

If angling isn't your cup of tea, it's worth the ten bucks an hour just for the stunning views of downtown, nearby Coronato, and even Tijuana from way out on the open water.

It should be said, these are big boats, with a lot of amateur anglers trying their luck in close proximity to each other so expect a few snags and crossed lines which is all part of the fun, if it's not your equipment that is.

San Diego is home to the largest naval base on the west coast, so hulking ships in the area are a dime a dozen.

It's a bit surreal to be baiting your hook, while huge grey battle ships loaded with sailors on drill drift by just a few hundred yards in the background.

Think I'd rather be fishing.

San Diego

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- **Take Your Catch to Sea Rocket Bistro** One of many great downtown restaurants serving all local ingredients from local fishermen and farmers. The trendy environment features funky cardboard fish décor, and yes, if you catch it, they'll cook it for you.
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▶ USS Midway at dock before the San Diego skyline.

A piece of history

Visitors flock to see carrier at USS Midway museum

The Midway — America's 41st fighting, floating airport — zapped fighter jets off its steam catapults and trapped 'em with its tailhooks for 47 years before it was mothballed, retired to a pier in San Diego Bay and transformed into one of the world's great museums.

Standing on Midway's windswept flight deck in the morning sun, with the city skyline to the east and the USS Ronald Reagan carrier chugging out to sea to the west, the pilot-turned-tour-guide ties into a knot of tourists.

The USS Midway, walking distance from downtown San Diego, is a floating city of 4,500 that took to the seas shortly after the Second World War and served around the world until decommissioned in 1992.

It was active in the Vietnam conflict and in 1975 took in planes ferrying U.S. citizens and refugees fleeing South Vietnam, ahead of its North Vietnamese occupiers.

In 1990, fighters flew off its deck in Operation Desert Storm against Sadam Hussein's troops in Kuwait.

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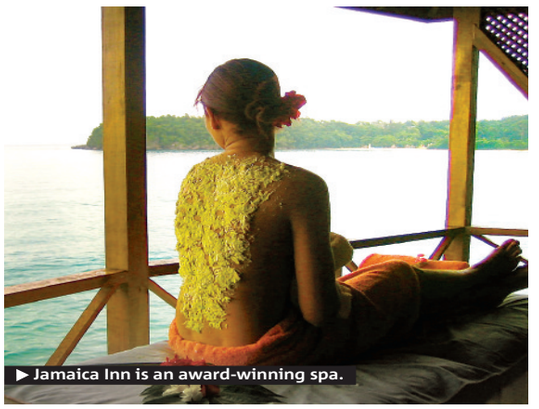

▶ Jamaica Inn is an award-winning spa.

Putting the 'ahh' in spa

Jamaica Inn provides a look at how the island should be seen

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Sitting comfortably on the outdoor verandah at Ki-Yara Ocean Spa it's hard to know which is more refreshing: The Ambrosia cocktail spa director Carolyn Jobson is handing me, or Jobson herself.

Too often in spas you'll find staff trying a little too hard to set the mood. From the sterile white walls and minimalist furniture to the battery of products with names you (and often they) can hardly pronounce, spas often overdo it. Not here.

As I sip on the lemongrass, fresh lime (from trees on the property) and iced tea concoction that has been only slightly sweetened with brown sugar, Jobson settles comfortably onto a chair across from me, running her hand through her hair and training her gaze in the same direction as mine: past the trees, over the rocks and out over Cutlass Bay.

The soft lilt of reggae music filters through the trees and across the water from a neighbouring resort.

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This is Jamaica: The ambience creates itself. It is in this oasis of calm that the Jamaica Inn's tiny spa exists.

The award-winning hotel — Condé Nast Traveler, Travel + Leisure, Readers Choice, World Travel Awards and more — was built in 1950 and has been nabbing accolades ever since. Part of the attraction is the stunning collection of 47 suites and six two-bedroom cottages spread over 2 1/2 hectares of land. But most exciting is the fact that on this island that has become synonymous with massive all-inclusive facilities, the inn is a reminder of the way Jamaica could have been.

Jamaica Inn

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MONTEGO BAY

Your trip starts here

Your first taste of sunny Jamaica may just be Montego Bay. One of the island's top 'launch points' for tours and shopping trips, Montego Bay is also home to Sangster International Airport. Which means, from the moment you touch down on Jamaica's north coast, you'll know nothing in the nation is far from reach.

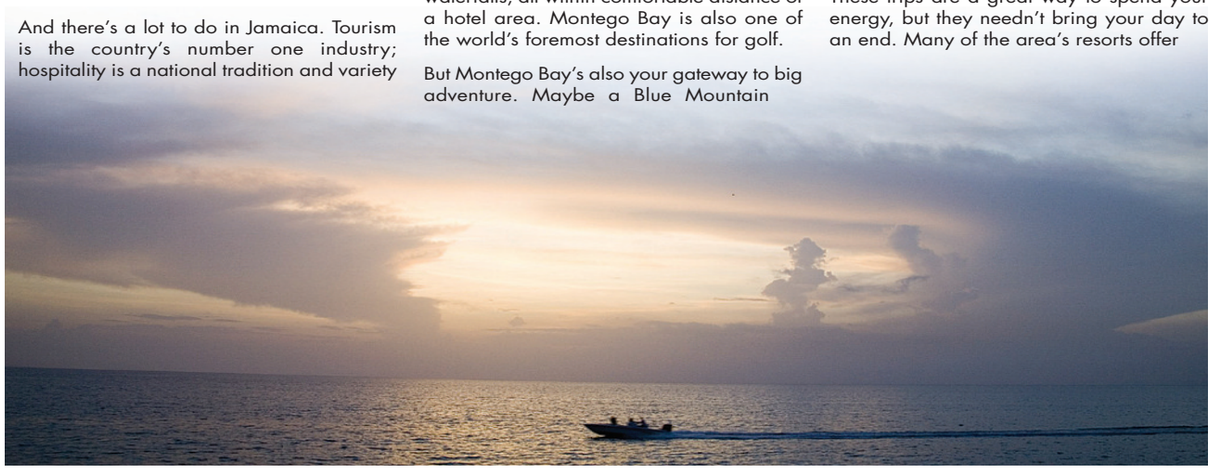
And there's a lot to do in Jamaica. Tourism is the country's number one industry; hospitality is a national tradition and variety is everything—the island boasts more than 150 attractions, many of them easily accessible from your beach-fronted, mountain-backed rooms in Montego Bay.

You can take it easy if you want. Many a tourist has relaxed with a horseback ride along the sea (or in it); they've traversed Jamaica's splendid rivers in tubes, kayaks or guided rafts; snorkeled and dived; strolled its plantations and parks, apprehended its waterfalls, all within comfortable distance of a hotel area. Montego Bay is also one of the world's foremost destinations for golf.

But Montego Bay's also your gateway to big adventure. Maybe a Blue Mountain Bicycle Tour's your real speed: riding downhill while taking in Jamaica's best mountain views. You can rent an ATV or dune buggy and see the island that way, too. A 4x4 jeep can get you a close look at Jamaica's forests. And if you're really up for a good time, try a guided 'canopy tour'—crossing between platforms suspended among the trees through a system of pulleys on horizontal cables.

These trips are a great way to spend your energy, but they needn't bring your day to an end. Many of the area's resorts offer unique amenities only steps from your door. If you're staying at Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, for example, you can regain your speed with a trip down one of the property's two 18-m (60-ft) tall water slides. The enclosed slide ends in a swimming pool; the open slide deposits you right in the Caribbean Sea. For a more adult-oriented evening, plan a stay at Secrets St. James, with its nightly themed parties, live entertainment, and oceanfront bars. Pool and beach wait-service included, of course.

Nothing's too far away in Montego Bay



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Pet-friendly destinations

The need-to-knows when travelling with your pets

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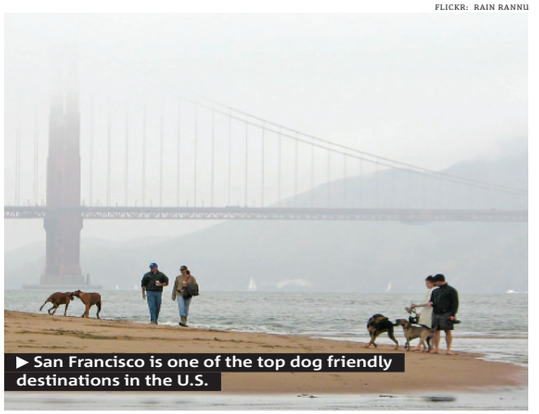

▶ San Francisco is one of the top dog friendly destinations in the U.S.

Do you shake with excitement when you think about taking your pet on vacation with you this winter? It's possible, but with extra care and lots of time to plan ahead.

Websites such as DogFriendly.com prepare databases of hotels, resorts and cities that will be best fit for your animal.

In fact, this site publishes an annual top 10 most dog-friendly cities, determined by a staff of researchers.

"The criteria is the quality of the accommodations, beaches, parks, attractions, dining, stores and other things to do with your dog," says co-editor Len Kain, who believes that the site also can help with cats, birds and maybe even snakes.

But according to Kain, dogs are about 85 per cent of the travelling animals, at least in the U.S. And while in planning mode, there are certain safety precautions to take note of.

"You have to watch for extreme temperatures," he says, as with fur, dogs can dehydrate quickly. "You also want to look for outdoor places, because that's where the dog is most likely to be allowed to go to."

For travelling procedures, you should check on the weight limits and rates for your pet with a transportation service or accommodations.

Also, make sure they've received the proper health care, including shots, especially if travelling to countries such as Mexico.

"There are a lot of parasites that aren't really in the U.S. and Canada that you have to watch for," says Kain.

"With the much warmer climate and it's not as well kept."

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Ray keeps stirring the pot

Nine years after she emerged as a Food Network personality, Rachael Ray shows no signs of slowing

It's a bit of this and a dash of that that makes Rachael Ray's daytime talk show.

On a recent day of back-to-back tapings, she cooked up a chicken-and-porcini shepherd's pie, chatted with Harry Hamlin and Lisa Rinna about marriage and squeezed in plugs for other parts of her lifestyle empire:

The new cooking show, the new cookbook and the Thanksgiving issue of her magazine.

Down to earth

- Despite her fame, Ray shows few signs of celebrity-style vanity. She casually tells her studio audience her age and she eats one of her on-air creations, a spinach and egg noodle casserole, with her fingers.

Nine years after breaking out as a Food Network personality, Ray is an established star who still keeps stirring the pot.

She has 18 cookbooks and an iPhone app. But mostly she has her TV shows. In addition to her talk show, her original 30 Minute Meals is still in production, as is the new Rachael Ray's Week in a Day on the Cooking Channel.

It all adds up to more than 1,300 hours of television since 2001 — or almost two months' worth of around-the-clock Rachael and her exclamations of "Yum-O!"

Repetition clearly hasn't dimmed her enthusiasm. On a recent day of filming at a Manhattan studio made to look like an urban loft, she segued breezily from cooking dishes to dishing about Dancing with the Stars. Young aides in T-shirts printed with "Yum-O" and "EVOO" bustled during breaks to prep the kitchen set. The pace never slowed, even after a broken boot heel forced Ray to hobble around.

"I'm 42 and I feel healthier than I did 10 years ago," she said. "Maybe 52, I'll have more energy than 42."

Ray debuted on the Food Network with 30-Minute Meals in 2001. Viewers warmed to the unpretentious daughter of parents who ran several family-style restaurants on Cape Cod, Mass., before she moved to upstate New York.

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▶ Rachael Ray has a new cookbook out titled, Rachael Ray's Look + Cook.

Her everywoman appeal was fresh for food TV back then, when the biggest stars were professional chefs like Emeril and reality shows based on the perils of cupcake bakers were still a way off.

Her new cookbook, Rachael Ray's Look + Cook, is loaded with pictures and friendly to visual learners. Buyers of the book also will have access to exclusive web videos of Ray cooking the dishes. The videos will show that, yes, her meals really can be made in 30 minutes.

But in the end, she insists that it's not really work for her: "I get to do what I would do on a day off from any other job," she says.

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Shepherd's Pie Stuffed Potatoes

Ingredients :

- 6 large russet potatoes
- 45 ml extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 red bell pepper chopped
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 125 ml sour cream
- 15 ml smoked paprika
- 250 ml shredded smoked Gouda cheese
- 500 g ground sirloin
- 250 g button or cremini mushrooms, quartered
- 2 chopped garlic cloves
- 30 ml butter
- 30 ml all-purpose flour
- 375 ml beef stock
- 30 ml spicy Dijon mustard
- 30 ml soy sauce
- 15 ml Worcestershire sauce

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). On a rimmed baking sheet, roll potatoes in a hearty drizzle of olive oil and some salt. Bake until tender, about 1 hour, then let cool. Switch on the broiler.
2. While potatoes cool, in a medium skillet over medium, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Add bell pepper and half of the onion and saute to soften for 5 minutes, then set aside to cool.
3. When potatoes are cool enough to handle, cut a thin top slice off each potato. In a bowl, combine bell pepper and onion mixture, sour cream, smoked paprika, half of the Gouda, salt and pepper. Scoop flesh from each potato into bowl and mash. Set aside.
4. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high, heat remaining 30 ml olive oil. Add ground sirloin and brown for 5 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally to break up any lumps. Add mushrooms and cook 4 to 5 minutes more.
5. Add remaining onion and garlic and cook for another 5 minutes. Push all of the ingredients to the edge of the pan and add butter to middle of skillet. Sprinkle flour over melted butter and cook for about 1 minute. Whisk in stock, mustard, soy sauce and Worcestershire. Bring up to a bubble, combine with meat mixture, adjust salt and pepper and simmer until thickened, 2 to 3 minutes.
6. Fill potato shells with beef and veggie mixture, then top each of them with reserved mashed potatoes. Transfer to a baking sheet and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Pop potatoes under broiler until cheese is melted and tops are golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes. FROM LOOK AND COOK BY RACHAEL RAY

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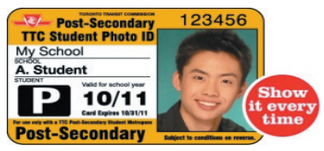

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Taking it home

Half of Canadians want the option to work from home, poll suggests

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With summer vacation memories fading in the face of winter's frozen approach, 53 per cent of Canadian workers want a work-from-home option to avoid long commutes and increase productivity, according to a recent Workopolis survey.

Andrea Garson, vice-president of human resources, says giving employees the option to work from home one or two days a week can boost morale, increase productivity and reduce environmental impact.

"It helps people get a sense that they're more in control of their lives," she says from Halifax.

The call for change is driven by technological advances that have made work-from-home more feasible and younger workers who tend to be against long hours at the office in favour of a better work-life balance, Garson says.

"To be competitive in this marketplace, (companies) are going to have to start offering work-from-home," says Garson, who works from home on Wednesdays. She suggests employees shouldn't expect the option from the start, but both sides have to first build up trust.

Peter McAdam, vice-president of employee experience at TD Bank, says working from home is part of its range of flex options. A small number of staff are exclusively based at a home office, but a more common pattern is to work at the office some of the week and from home the rest.

"I think some people are better at work-from-home than others and it's something I learned. You have to treat it as a work day."
JOAN GOODMAN

"Like other employers, we're looking to respond to our changing workforce," he says. To get the top talent, especially the top young talent, TD needs to offer the most flexible work packages, he says.

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▶ The work-from-home option can help improve morale.

Just knowing the work-from-home option is available improves morale, even if workers don't take it up, McAdam says. "There are a lot of business wins," he says.

Joan Goodman, an executive with TD Bank, works three days a week at the Toronto office and one day a week at her Oakville, Ont., home. "The advantage for me is not having to commute, being around when my kids gets home from school and I also find it incredibly productive," she says. It has also allowed TD to retain a valued employee, rather than lose her because of rigid policies

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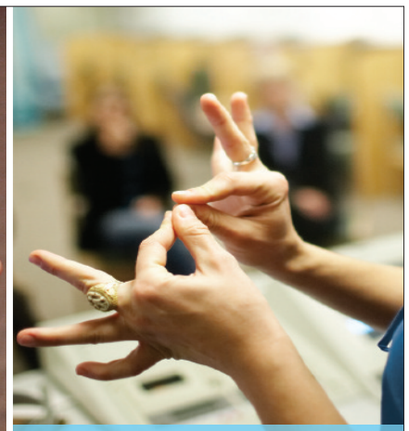

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Take learning out of the classroom

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Sometimes what you learn outside of the classroom is just as important as what you learn within it.

While the meaty parts of knowledge often take root in the lecture hall, extra-curricular activities not only help you learn crucial life skills but also can make you a more appealing hire.

Post-secondary institutions are also interested in extra-curricular activities because they want to invite students who've shown they are more likely to succeed.

"Don't think of it in terms of getting into university, think of it in terms of skills we all need to be successful in life. Things like being able to work in a team, leadership, those are skills that will serve you well and they're the kinds of things we look for in the admissions process," said Andrew Arida, associate director of enrolment at the University of British Columbia.

▶ Extra-curricular activities not only help students learn life skills, they can also make them a more appealing hire.

Meg O'Mahony, a high school biology teacher at the University of Toronto Schools (UTS), has helped students from her Grade 10 and 11 classes get involved in the Canon Envirothon competition in order to give them experience in the way real-world issues are dealt with.

The extra-curricular program is one of North America's largest high school environmental competitions which challenges students on their problem-solving, teamwork and knowledge skills to deal with problems like a groundwater shortage or long-term river erosion.

"It's a good resume thing but I also see some nice changes in the students themselves. Good general learning in terms of problem solving is the best kind of experience you can get. It's phenomenal what students come up with," O'Mahony said.

Once in university, don't let the classroom be your only destination.

Glen Weppler, director of student community life at Ryerson University, says Ryerson makes it a priority to offer students a wealth of extra-curricular options to expand themselves.

"Our goal is to encourage students to get involved," Weppler said.

Employers tend to look favourably upon leadership and real-world experiences so taking on some meaningful, out-of-classroom commitments can be powerful way to stand out from the crowd.

Since January 2009 at the University of Calgary, new students to the campus have had the option of having all their extra-curricular activities recognized and tracked on an official co-curricular record.

The document includes activities verified by the university such as varsity clubs, student government and volunteer activities and students can apply to have activities which aren't listed included as well.

The co-curricular record also tracks hours spent, making it an ideal way for employers to track a student's experience in a particular activity. "These sorts of things give students really practical skills they can bring to employers," said UCal vice-provost of students Ann Tierney.

"There are things you can do outside of class to develop skills, experience and expand your network but you can also build friendships .... you want to have a balanced approach to your student experience."
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Leafs break out of slump

Controversial goal by Colton Orr proves to be game winner for Toronto, which had lost three in a row Phil Kessel, Tyler Bozak also scored

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▶ Tyler Bozak scores past Florida Panthers forward Mike Santorelli last night.

A good break helped the Toronto Maple Leafs put an end to their three-game losing streak.

Colton Orr scored the controversial winner after knocking over goalie Scott Clemmensen last night as the Maple Leafs edged the Florida Panthers 3-1.

The teams were locked in a tight-checking game until Orr got the decisive goal at 11:02 of the third period. After slamming into the Panthers goalie, Orr tipped a shot from centre Tim Brent into the wide open net. Clemmensen argued his case with the referee to no avail.

Tyler Bozak and Phil Kessel also scored for the Maple Leafs (5-2-1).

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Dennis Wideman replied for Florida (3-4-0).

The Panthers gave Clemmensen his first start of the season — making it four games in a row where the Leafs have faced an opponent's backup. He's had success playing at Air Canada Centre in the past and had another decent game last night.

Bozak acknowledged being frustrated with his lack of scoring after Monday's practice. The relief was evident when he made it 1-0 with 41.9 seconds to play in the first period, firing home a loose puck after Nikolai Kulemin shovelled it in front.

The Panthers don't boast a lineup littered with big names, but they showed a willingness to battle hard.

It paid off with a couple power-play opportunities in the second period, one of which allowed them to tie the game. Leafs goalie J.S. Giguere was never able to get set with traffic in front before Wideman scored from the point with a wrist shot at 14:27.

Kulemin had a glorious chance to restore Toronto's lead just before the second intermission, but Clemmensen got his arm on a quick shot from the Russian winger.

Orr ended up scoring the winner in the third. That was followed by Kessel's seventh of the season with less than three minutes to play. The flashy winger has scored in 11 of the last 14 games he's played for the Leafs, stretching back to the start of pre-season.

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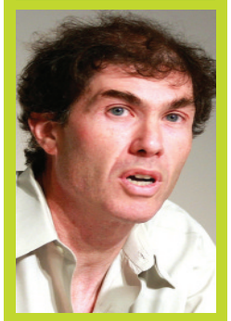

"There is sentiment among a substantial segment of the players to consider expanding the playoffs."

BASEBALL PLAYERS UNION HEAD MICHAEL WEINER, WHO SAID THE UNION IS OPEN TO ADDING MORE WILD-CARD TEAMS FOR 2012 AND POSSIBLY EXTENDING THE DIVISION SERIES TO A BEST-OF-SEVEN.

"We have less teams than any other sport (in the playoffs). We certainly haven't abused anything."

BASEBALL COMMISSIONER BUD SELIG, WHO APPEARS TO BE INCREASINGLY IN FAVOUR OF PROPOSING MORE PLAYOFF TEAMS.

Romo will likely miss at least six weeks

Tony Romo doesn't need surgery on his broken left collarbone, just time for it to heal.

He may have all the way until the spring minicamp.

Romo is expected to miss between six and eight weeks, which could be an eternity for the 1-5 Dallas Cowboys. If their playoff hopes aren't already squelched, they likely will be by the time their Pro Bowl quarterback is healthy again. So perhaps team owner Jerry Jones will end up telling Romo to call it a season and rest up for 2011.

Think about it: Considering how wretched the Cowboys were led by their star, it seems unlikely they will turn things around while led by 38-year-old backup Jon Kitna, who hadn't thrown a pass in more than two years before Monday night and whose last gig as a starter was on the Detroit club that went winless in 2008.

"We're not going to stop right now and give up or quit or whine or even make excuses," coach Wade Phillips said yesterday. "You've just got to go forward. That's what we have to do. I think our guys will band together."

Dallas opened training camp being hyped as favourites to reach the Super Bowl, which will be played at Jones' $1.2-billion US stadium. The Cowboys already were on the brink of being left behind when Romo threw a pass early in the second quarter, then took a hard — but clean — hit from New York Giants linebacker Michael Boley that did the damage.

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▶ Tony Romo

Opinion

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GOOD AND BAD NEWS FOR MAPLE LEAFS

The bad news is the Toronto Maple Leafs are looking more and more like the playoff bubble team many pre-season pundits believed they would be.

The good news is there was genuine good news for the Buds before the bad news kicked in. In Toronto's first four games of the regular season, the forwards and defencemen played like they had actual confidence in their goaltending — an occurrence that's been rarer at the Air Canada Centre than a missed opportunity to take Leafs fans by the ankles, hold them upside down, and shake them until all their disposable income falls out.

Those first four games also saw the Leafs play aggressive, up-tempo hockey, and their penalty kill — last season, a disaster of Gulf oil spill proportions — bailed them out as required.

So please, Toronto fans, spare us the hand-wringing and gnawed-off cuticles. You're not allowed to get overly pessimistic before 10 per cent of the season is completed.

Besides, it could be much, much worse.

The Leafs could be the Ottawa Senators, winners of just two of their first eight games, and employers of a $5-million-a-year non-factor named Alexei Kovalev.

The Leafs could be the Edmonton Oilers, a team that won its first two games, but has since lost its next four — and in regulation time.

Toronto could be the New Jersey Devils, a franchise that has been a model of consistent competitiveness, yet which now languishes at the very bottom of the NHL (at least in terms of win percentage).

The Senators, Oilers and Devils all have something in common: Each has a defence corps that is shallow, soft and simply not as talented when compared to Toronto's.

And that's the advantage GM Brian Burke is counting on to get the Leafs into the playoffs. Burke and coach Ron Wilson know the Leafs won't be on the winning side of too many 6-3 or 5-2 games this year. Toronto needs its defence to lead the way.

So far — although obviously not every night — the Leafs have shown the potential to do just that.

Giants look to bust out against 'superhero'

Buster Posey, Pablo Sandoval and the rest of the San Francisco Giants can study the scouting reports and videotape all they want, trying to find the secret to getting a hit against Cliff Lee.

Or they can just ask Cody Ross.

Because many years ago, before he blossomed into the MVP of the National League Championship Series, Ross was a struggling rookie with the Detroit Tigers. Who happened to hit his first major league home run off Lee. A grand slam, at that.

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▶ **Time:** 7:30 tonight
Channel: Sportsnet

Of course, Lee was early in his career, too. He hardly had become Mr. Perfect in the post-season, the left-hander who will pose a giant challenge for San Francisco when it faces the Texas Rangers in Game 1 of the World Series tonight.

"Cliff Lee, superhero," summed up Sandoval.

Watch Lee from the centre-field camera and it's difficult to tell exactly what makes him so dominant.

David Price brings more heat. Andy Pettitte brought more October experience. But Lee beat them in the playoffs.

Lee is 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight lifetime post-season starts heading into his matchup with two-time NL Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum in the opener. Lee went 3-0 this year in the AL playoffs, striking out 34 and walking just one. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raptors preview

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Against the odds

Little expected of Raps

▶ Toronto's DeMar DeRozan during last season's NBA Slam Dunk Contest.

Few outside the grey concrete walls of the Air Canada Centre expect much from the Toronto Raptors this season, and that's nothing new for the beleaguered basketball club.

But perhaps the last time Toronto began a campaign with a forecast this grim, the Raptors wore purple, their home was the SkyDome, and DeMar DeRozan was six years old.

Numerous pre-season predictions have the Raptors finishing last in the Eastern Conference, the bleakest outlook for Canada's lone NBA franchise since its inaugural season in 1995-96.

All the Raptors can do is use it as motivation.

"Absolutely," said coach Jay Triano. "We've done that since the first day of training camp, people have us picked to be at the bottom of the Eastern Conference, that's why we feel like we have something to prove.

"We can't believe it, and we have to use it as motivation to prove everybody wrong."

It's a tall order for a team trying to find its way in the post-Chris Bosh era.

The Raptors open their season tonight against the visiting New York Knicks, intent on improving on last season's 40-42 record that cost them a trip to playoffs.

KNICKS RAPTORS

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But few believe they can actually do that.

The Raptors' stock plummeted when Bosh left after seven seasons to join the star-studded Miami Heat. Bosh was the team's leading scorer and rebounder, and the cornerstone of a franchise left having to rebuild the foundation.

While he's long gone from Toronto, the Raptors are still using their former all-star forward to sell tickets. The team is promoting 11-game ticket packages that include a choice of the Miami Heat's two trips to Toronto, and Bosh, with new teammates LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, figures prominently in the ad campaign.

The three Raptors in the ad are youngsters DeRozan and Sonny Weems and the underachieving Andrea Bargnani.

General manager Bryan Colangelo says the absence of one star player might not be a bad thing.

"It's not that we're treating our players differently this year — there's a little less focus on any one player, there's no one you have to defer to," Colangelo said during training camp.

"It's actually quite refreshing from the standpoint of the way that I think that Jay is dealing with the players, and with the way the players are dealing with the approach."

Call it offence by committee. Without one player through whom all the plays go, the Raptors shared the ball and the scoring wealth through the pre-season and plan to carry that approach into the regular season.

"Everyone has been reaping the benefits," said point guard Jarrett Jack.

"Not just one guy, not just two guys, there's been a number of guys who've been the leading scorer (in the pre-season), oddly enough most of the time it's been guys coming off the bench. How typical is that of an NBA ballclub?

"It just shows how unselfish we are, the number of weapons we have on the offensive end."

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Ugly predictions

- Sports Illustrated was just one publication to pick Toronto to finish 15th in the 15-team Eastern Conference.
- Bodog Sportsbook gave Toronto 200-1 odds on winning the NBA title — a bottom-of-the-barrel tie with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Minnesota Timberwolves.
- The over-under line for Toronto wins this season sits at 26.5.
- The Raptors are No. 7 on SPIKE.com's The Top 10 Teams Nobody Would Miss If They Went Away list.
- "Quick ... name one player on the Toronto Raptors," SPIKE.com writes, lumping them in with such less-than-illustrious company as the Atlanta Thrashers and Jacksonville Jaguars.

NEW ADDITION WEIGHS IN

Raptors need to show a 'fighting attitude': Kleiza

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Linas Kleiza

Linas Kleiza, who signed as a free agent from Denver, said the Raptors can use their speed to outhustle other teams, but they'll still have to be the hardest working team in the league.

"We came in with that attitude in training camp and we're trying to do that," said Kleiza. "We've got to take everything very seriously. We're a team that we need to go out and play hard, play hard every position, and on every possession fight because we don't have that luxury to lay back a quarter or two and then come out and play.

"If we come out with a fighting attitude, I think we'll be OK."

Kleiza was a key addition in the off-season. The forward is lethal from three-point range, and is coming off a strong season, winning the Euroleague scoring title last season and starring for Lithuania at the world championships.

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The Raptors feature eight players younger than the age of 26. DeMar DeRozan and Ed Davis, the Raptors No. 13 pick in the 2010 draft, are just 21.

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Detroit	7	5	1	0	1	23	18	11	3-0-0-1	2-1-0-0	5-1-0-1	W4
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San Jose	7	3	3	1	0	19	21	7	1-2-0-0	2-1-1-0	3-3-1-0	L1
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Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

LEAFS 3, PANTHERS 1

First Period
1. Toronto, Bozak 1 (Kulemin, Phaneuf) 19:19 (pp)
Penalties — MacArthur Tor (delay of game) 4:25, Wideman Fla (holding) 18:36.
Second Period
2. Florida, Wideman 2 (McCabe, Weiss) 14:27 (pp)
Penalties — Zigomanis Tor (hooking) 8:14, Bozak Tor (tripping) 13:49, Frolik Fla (hooking) 19:04.
Third Period
3. Toronto, Orr 2 (Brent, Sjostrom) 11:02
4. Toronto, Kessel 7 17:36
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Florida	4	10	8	22
Toronto	8	8	11	27

Goal — Florida: Clemmensen (L,0-1-0), Toronto: Giguere (W,4-1-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Florida; 1-3 Toronto 1-2.
Att. — 19,239 at Toronto.

FLAMES 5, OILERS 4 (SO)

First Period
1. Calgary, Morrison 2 (Giordano, Bourque) 5:52 (pp)
2. Edmonton, Foster 1 (Paajarvi, Whitney) 8:38 (pp)
3. Calgary, Bouwmeester 1 (Tanguay, White) 19:40 (pp)
Penalties — Brule Edm (hooking) 5:28, Iginla Cal (tripping) 8:08, Paajarvi Edm (holding stick) 19:28, Gagner Edm, Jokinen Cal (fighting) 19:45.
Second Period
4. Calgary, Glencross 2 (Backlund) 2:02
5. Calgary, Morrison 3 9:48 (sh)
6. Edmonton, Eberle 3 (Peckham) 19:43
Penalties — Bourque Cal (holding) 3:34, Staios Cal (interference) 9:40, Fraser Edm (instigating, fighting, misconduct), Giordano Cal (fighting) 12:12, Strudwick Edm, Jackman Cal (fighting) 16:37, Peckham Edm (high-sticking) 17:16.
Third Period
7. Edmonton, Paajarvi 2 (Cogliano, Whitney) 6:52
8. Edmonton, Gilbert 2 (Penner, Hemsky) 9:19
Penalties — Brule Edm, Glencross Cal (roughing) 10:16, Peckham Edm (high-sticking) 16:44.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Calgary wins 1-0
Edmonton (0) — Hemsky, miss; Eberle, miss; Penner, miss; Calgary (1) — Hagman, miss; Tanguay, goal.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	8	6	17	1—32
Calgary	12	13	10	4—39

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (SOL,2-4-1); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,5-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-3; Calgary: 2-5.
Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	8	7	15
Sharp, Chi	8	3	11
Hossa, Chi	7	4	11
D.Sedin, Vcr	7	4	11
Crosby, Pgh	6	5	11
Getzlaf, Ana	3	8	11
C.Stewart, Col	5	5	10
Zetterberg, Det	3	7	10
B.Richards, Dal	2	8	10
Liles, Col	0	10	10
H.Sedin, Vcr	0	10	10
Horton, Bos	5	4	9
Roy, Buf	5	4	9
P.Stastny, Col	4	5	9

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Exercised their 2011 contract options on C Ramon Castro and LHP Matt Thornton. Released RHP Carlos Torres.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Alan Trammell bench coach, Don Baylor hitting coach, Eric Young first-base coach and Charles Nagy pitching coach.

BASKETBALL

NBA

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Exercised the contract option on general manager John Hammond and signed coach Scott Skiles through the 2012-13 season.

FOOTBALL

NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Minnesota coach Brad Childress $35,000 for criticizing officials and disclosing confidential conversations with the officiating department.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed CB Adam "Pacman" Jones on injured reserve. Signed TE J.P. Foschi. Waived TE Daniel Coats.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived RB James Davis and WR Yamon Figurs. Claimed RB Thomas Clayton off waivers from New England. Signed WR Demetrius Williams.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed DT Le Kevin Smith.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed OT Eben Britton on injured reserve. signed OT Erik Pears.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed LB Josh Mauga from the practice squad. Waived DT Howard Green. Signed LB Kenwin Cummings to the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed RB Quinton Ganther. Released LB Chris McCoy from the practice squad. Signed OT Breno Giacomini and RB Chris Henry to the practice squad.

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Added QB Justin Goltz to the practice roster.

HOCKEY

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned G Ondrej Pavelec to Chicago (AHL) for conditioning. Recalled D Noah Welch and G Peter Mannino from Chicago.
BUFFALO SABRES—Called up F Luke Adam from Portland (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled F Jiri Tlusty from Charlotte (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned D Nate Guenin to Springfield (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned F Dany Masse from Hamilton (AHL) to Wheeling (ECHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled F Blair Jones from Norfolk (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Brian Fahey from Hershey (AHL).

AHL

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS—Announced G Chet Pickard has been reassigned to Cincinnati (ECHL) and G Jeremy Smith has been recalled from Cincinnati.
SYRACUSE CRUNCH—Signed F Gabe Gauthier.

ECHL

IDAHO STEELHEADS—Traded D Lane Caffaro to Ontario for future considerations.
UTAH GRIZZLIES—Acquired D Nick Tuzzolino from Wheeling for future considerations

SOCCER

MLS

COLUMBUS CREW—Signed G Chase Harrison.

CFL

WEEK 18

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Montreal	16	11	5	0	480	415	22
x-Hamilton	16	9	7	0	436	372	18
x-Toronto	16	8	8	0	313	401	16
Winnipeg	16	4	12	0	419	434	8

WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Calgary	16	11	5	0	536	403	22
x-Saskatchewan	16	9	7	0	449	442	18
Edmonton	16	6	10	0	343	501	12
B.C.	16	6	10	0	420	428	12

x — clinched playoff berth.
y — clinched division title.
Friday's games
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Hamilton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Saskatchewan at B.C., 5 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Maver, Cal	0	60	31	3	156
McCallum, BC	0	29	40	6	155
Duval, Mtl	0	37	30	12	139
DeAngelis, Ham	0	39	31	3	135
Congi, Sask	0	41	26	2	121
Prefontaine, Edm-Tor	0	28	24	8	108
Cates, Sask	15	0	0	0	90
Shaw, Tor	0	18	19	6	81
Palardy, Ham-Wpg	0	18	16	7	73
T.Edwards, Wpg	12	0	0	0	72
Bryant, Cal	11	0	0	0	66
x-Cobb, Ham	10	2	0	0	62
x-Green, Mtl	10	2	0	0	62
Lewis, Cal	9	0	0	0	54
Robertson, BC	9	0	0	0	54
Bruce, Ham	8	0	0	0	48
Serna, Wpg	0	20	8	4	48
x-Richardson, Mtl	7	2	0	0	44
Boyd, Tor	7	0	0	0	42

SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS

SEMIFINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
(All times Eastern)
New York vs. San Jose
Saturday's game
First Leg
New York at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Columbus vs. Colorado
Tomorrow's game
First Leg
Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles vs. Seattle
Sunday's game
First Leg
Los Angeles at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Real Salt Lake vs. FC Dallas
Saturdays' game
First Leg
Real Salt Lake at Dallas, 5 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Fourth Round
Yesterday's results
Birmingham 1, Brentford 1 (Birmingham advances 4-3 on penalty shootout)
Ipswich 3, Northampton 1
Leicester 1, West Bromwich Albion 4
Manchester United 3, Wolverhampton 2
Wigan 2, Swansea 0

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-final
Yesterday's results
Aberdeen 2, Falkirk 1
Motherwell 1, Dundee United 0

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	0	0	.000	½
New York	0	0	.000	½
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	½
Toronto	0	0	.000	½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—
Orlando	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	1	.000	½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	0	0	.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Memphis	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—

NORTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	—
Portland	0	0	.000	—
Utah	0	0	.000	—

PACIFIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	.000	—

Last night's results
Boston 88 Miami 80
Phoenix at Portland
Houston at L.A. Lakers
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

MLB

2010 POSTSEASON

WORLD SERIES

(All times Eastern)
Tonight's game
Texas (Lee 12-9) at San Francisco (Lincecum 16-10), 7:57 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Texas (Wilson 15-8) at San Francisco (Cain 13-11), 7:57 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Francisco (Sanchez 13-9) at Texas (Lewis 12-13), 6:57 p.m.
Sunday's game
San Francisco (Bumgarner 7-6) at Texas (Hunter 13-4), 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 1
x-San Francisco at Texas, 7:57 p.m.
x - if necessary

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	.833	159	101
New England	5	1	0	.833	177	136
Miami	3	3	0	.500	111	135
Buffalo	0	6	0	.000	121	198

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	199	117
Houston	4	2	0	.667	153	167
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	163	125
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	130	209

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	1	0	.833	137	82
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	149	129
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	132	141
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	118	142

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	150	112
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	179	165
San Diego	2	5	0	.286	177	149
Denver	2	5	0	.286	138	199

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	175	153
Washington	4	3	0	.571	130	133
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	172	157
Dallas	1	5	0	.167	137	152

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	169	133
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.667	98	128
New Orleans	4	3	0	.571	147	138
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	75	130

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	126	114
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	167	136
Minnesota	2	4	0	.333	111	116
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	146	140

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	120	107
Arizona	3	3	0	.500	98	160
St. Louis	3	4	0	.429	120	131
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	113	162

WEEK 7

Byes: Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, N.Y. Jets
Monday's result
N.Y. Giants 41 Dallas 35
Sunday's results
Atlanta 39 Cincinnati 32
Baltimore 37 Buffalo 34 (OT)
Carolina 23 San Francisco 20
Cleveland 30 New Orleans 17
Kansas City 42 Jacksonville 20
New England 23 San Diego 20
Oakland 59 Denver 14
Pittsburgh 23 Miami 22
Seattle 22 Arizona 10
Tampa Bay 18 St. Louis 17
Tennessee 37 Philadelphia 19
Washington 17 Chicago 14
Green Bay 28 Minnesota 24

WEEK 8

Byes: N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland
Sunday's games
(All times Eastern)
Denver vs. San Francisco at London, 1 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 1
Houston at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

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- Chevy makes a big small-car move with Cruze, its quietest compact ever
- Roomier than its predecessor, it offers a big-car feel on the road

SUBMITTED

▶ The 2011 Chevrolet Cruze LTZ offers up a lot of torque.

Chevy Cruze is made for cruising

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I'm a little worried about the spelling department over at GM. Who authorized Cruze over Cruise? But I'm not going to let it get me down, because this is a great little car. Well, actually, not so little…

Cruze is one of the bigger "compact" contenders, a segment that includes Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic and Ford Focus.

Not only is it way roomier inside than its predecessor (Chevrolet Cobalt), its demeanor is more like that of a larger and more upscale vessel.

All this became apparent moments after we drove off with this Cruze LTZ test vehicle.

The top-shelf LTZ model lists for $24,780 and is packing all the goodies in the Cruze catalogue, such as sport suspension, remote starter, Bluetooth, On Star with "directions and connections," USB port, 17-inch wheels and nine-speaker stereo.

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▶ Cruze features a suprisingly upscale interior

But even the base LS ($14,995) has lots of standard kit: 6-speed manual transmission, stability and traction control, ABS, power windows and locks, and 10 air bags (but no a/c).

Only LS models feature the 136-hp 1.8-litre I4 engine. LT, LTZ and an upcoming super-efficient Eco model, feature a nifty and all-new turbo 1.4-litre I4, with variable valve timing and variable flow oil pump, producing 138 hp and 148 lb-ft of torque. (Unlike Ford, GM's new turbo does not feature direct injection.)

A big console separates the two front seats to impart a "twin cockpit" theme.

The two-tone leather seats hug your butt in good way, the leather-wrapped steering wheel is irresistible to fondle, and the burnished aluminum trim throughout the interior is easy on the eyes.

And things are refined and quiet. The new electric speed-sensitive steering system has a "natural" feel, and combined with a taut chassis, the Cruze is, well, made for cruising.

The only dissenting thoughts are that the Cruze could have been a bit more visually arresting and given us a bit more back-seat knee room.

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▶ Cruze's 1.4-litre inline turbo four-cylinder engine

Multi-cultural

Cruze may be brand new to North America, but it is a well-traveled citizen of the world.

- **Currently sold** in more than 60 countries, it is easily Chevrolet's best-selling nameplate globally.
- **It's manufactured** in the U.S., China, India, Russia, South Korea and Kazakhstan.
- **The architecture** (Delta II) under Cruze was developed by GM's Korean arm, Daewoo, with refinement by its European arm, Opel.
- **The Korean version** of Cruze (called Lacetti) actually hit the streets back in 2009, while the European-market Cruze and its Opel equivalent (Astra) hit the streets in 2009.
- **GM's Australian division,** Holden, is responsible for designing a future hatchback model.

5 drive

Up and down

Norman Foster recreates the Dymaxion
Architect Norman Foster has recreated the historic three-wheeler Dymaxion designed by his mentor, Buckminster Fuller, as part of a retrospective of the pioneering architect and inventor of the geodesic dome in Madrid.

BMW drivers
BMW drivers are the most likely to be obnoxious on the road, according to a survey of 3,000 motorists conducted by gocompare.com. According to the study, road users find drivers of the German cars the most likely to tailgate, make rude hand gestures and speed, and more than half had suffered a "bad experience" involving a BMW driver.
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▶ Track down your ice scraper before winter shows its wrath.

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But it doesn't have to be that way. With a little foresight, your vehicle can stride into frigid climes with confidence and strength, like Lady Gaga heading into an audition for You Think You Can Dance?

Since most motorists are more than familiar with the items on our winter checklist, we offer them here only in the spirit of a gentle reminder. When the temperature drops a bit more, we'll bring out the cattle prod.

Under body oil spraying
As pleasurable as this may sound to have done to your own body, do not accompany your vehicle into the spray booth — it distracts the technicians.

Wiper health
Your wipers get overworked in winter, and are often the only things keeping youn on the road and not in the ditch. Get new ones, preferably heavier ones designed for winter.

Battery health
Your battery also tends to get overworked in winter. If it's more than four years old, it should be checked, and by that we mean, "load tested" by a technician.

Wiper fluid
Obviously you need lots of this stuff, and in a winter blend, which doesn't freeze. Canadian Club doesn't freeze either, but it's a poor, and expensive substitute. Spit is even more useless.

Engine coolent flush and replacement.
Modern coolants last years longer than their predecessors, so you don't need to have this done every fall or winter, but at least have it checked for strength, cleanliness, and level. (I'm too close to a colonoscopy appointment to consider making light of anything to do with flushing.)

Find the ice scraper
If you can't remember where you put your scraper last spring, get a new one right away. You'll need it sooner than you think. Once Halloween is past, winter can come fast.

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Last-generation Pathfinder offered reliable capability
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Combining decades of 4x4 truck expertise, real-world capability and a luxurious and refined ride, the last-generation Nissan Pathfinder was popular with Canadian families as an SUV that wasn't afraid to roll up its sleeves and get dirty.

On sale from 1996 until 2004, the last-generation Pathfinder was eventually replaced for the 2005 model year. In 2001, Nissan updated and facelifted their ute, adding new styling cues and power from a new engine.

The post-2001 Pathfinder will be the main focus of this review– though much of the information applies to all models.

The specs

- **MODEL** 1996 to 2004 Nissan Pathfinder
- **VEHICLE TYPE** 4x4 SUV
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $2,000 to $13,000

Pathfinders built after 2001 got between 240 and 250 horsepower from a 3.5 litre V6 which is highly acclaimed in the owners community. Most say the engine is plenty peppy, comfortable towing, and relatively decent on fuel, too.

Transmission choices included a four-speed automatic or a five-speed manual, and a low-range equipped 4WD system with either push-button or lever-actuation was standard. Note that the manual transmission was eventually discontinued.

What owners like

Last-generation Pathfinder owners typically rave about the looks, power, ride quality and comfort levels of their machines. Off-road prowess, noise levels and overall driving confidence are highly rated, too.

What owners hate

Common last-generation Pathfinder complaints tend to centre around limited head and legroom, and a 'slippery' rear-end in two-wheel drive on wet or snowy surfaces. Finally, numerous owners gripe about having to feed their Pathfinders pricier premium fuel.

Common issues

On a test-drive, be sure to scrutinize the condition of the used Pathfinder candidate's leather seating (if equipped) for rips and tears. Ensure proper and relatively quick operation of all power windows, the CD player, and especially, the CD changer on higher-end models.

Be certain the instruments all illuminate and function properly, and the air conditioning blows cold within a few moments of being turned on.

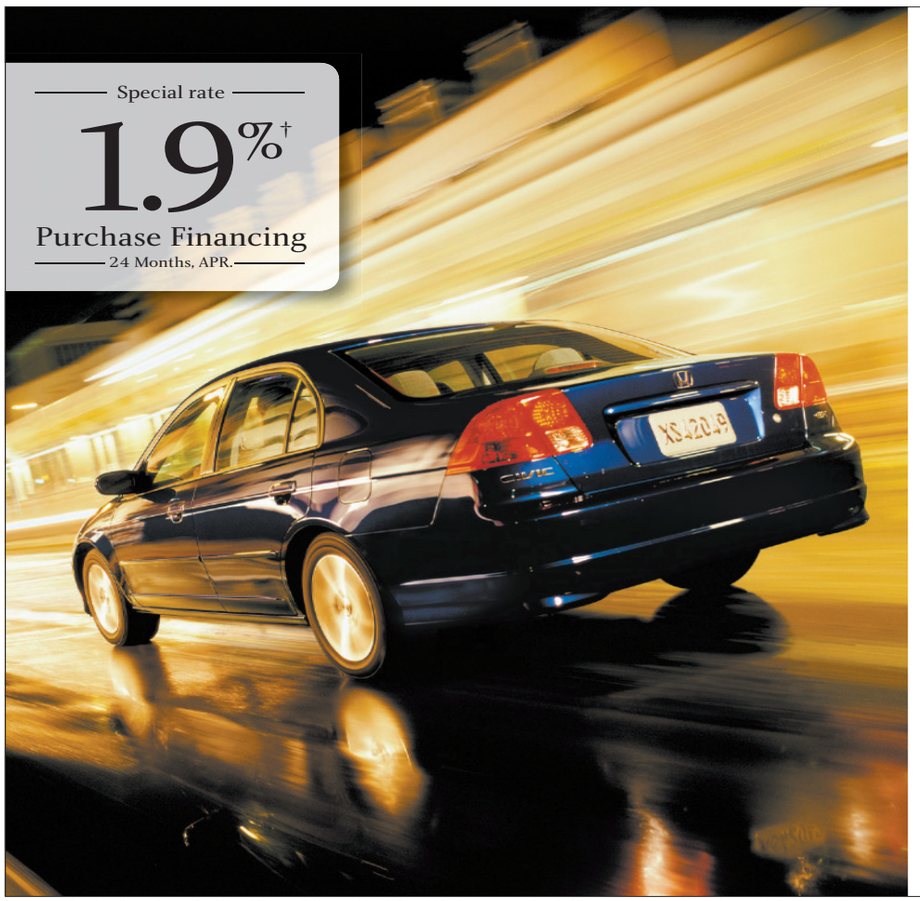
Be sure the 4x4 system's various modes can be easily engaged and disengaged as explained in the owner's manual, too.

Have the underside of your used Pathfinder candidate inspected exhaustively for any signs of excessive rust, dents, off-road damage, leaks or holes. Differentials and axles should be inspected visually, as should brake lines, fuel lines and suspension components. If the Pathfinder you're considering was formerly off-roaded carelessly or neglected, this is the time to check for potential problems.

▶ The post-2001 Pathfinder comes in a five-speed manual and a four-speed automatic.

The verdict

A clean and well cared-for Pathfinder should prove a rewarding driving machine both on the road and off. Shoppers who find their ideal Pathfinder candidate will likely join a happy and proud community of Nissan truck owners.



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▶ Goodyear's tread pattern design quickly channels away slush and water.

Goodyear gets reactive

New Winter Reactive Technology is designed for a variety of conditions, from snow to cold pavement

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There's a reason why winter tires aren't called "snow" tires anymore: They're designed to work in a variety of conditions, including ice, water and cold dry pavement.

It's the result of a number of technologies packed into each tire, many of which come together in Goodyear's new Winter Reactive Technology, or WRT. It was recently introduced on Ultra Ice Grip WRT tires for light trucks, SUVs and crossovers.

WRT includes a new rubber compound, unidirectional tread and two designs of special "blades," which are micro-grooves in the tire's tread.

"Everything's a combination," says Mike Cosentino, category manager for consumer tires with Goodyear Canada.

"The winter compound is designed to keep pliable in good temperatures, while the blades are constantly moving as the tire's going around to help with traction."

Each of the blade designs has a specific function. The two-dimensional blades open as they touch the asphalt, providing more rubber surface to help the tire grip the road during acceleration or braking.

Since the winter-specific rubber compound is relatively soft, three-dimensional blades near the edges of the tire use Goodyear's proprietary TredLock Technology, locking together to provide more rigid support when turning a corner.

"They're like Lego blocks that open and close," Cosentino says. "They're constantly moving as the tire's going around to help with traction, and as they close together, they give you more of a robust shoulder, particularly for these heavier vehicles."

The rubber compound is a new formula developed by Goodyear. It contains polymers, rather than the silica sand that's commonly used in tire compounds, to improve its grip on cold pavement.

The final piece of the puzzle is a tread pattern design that quickly channels away slush and water. A tire that doesn't do this has a tendency to "float" on top of water puddles, a potentially dangerous situation known as hydroplaning. Since the tires aren't in contact with the pavement that's under the water, the car can skid out of the driver's control.

Goodyear plans on extending the WRT technology to passenger car tires next year.

All-season tires

- **By itself,** rubber tends to get hard in cold weather and soft in hot weather.
- **That's the opposite** of what you want in a tire, so rubber is blended with other ingredients into compounds appropriate for these temperatures.
- **So-called "all-season"** tires are a compromise between summer and winter tires.
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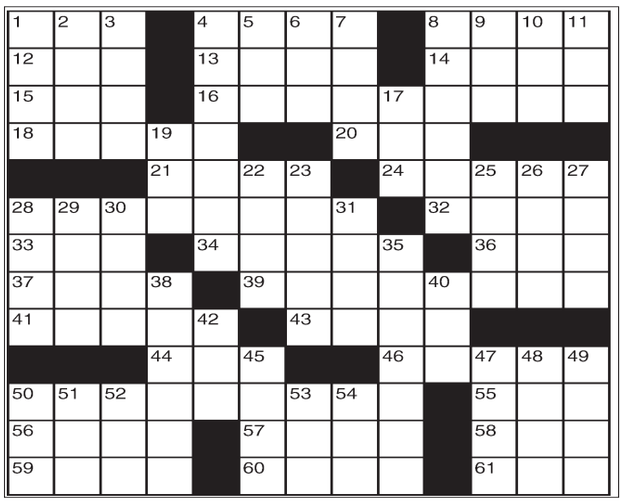

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Sudoku

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	6	9	8					
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1		2				9		8
	5	8						
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	6	2	1	3	9	4	7	8
7	3	4	2	6	8	5	9	1
9	1	8	4	5	7	3	2	6
1	4	7	8	2	3	6	5	9
8	5	6	9	7	4	1	3	2
2	9	3	5	1	6	8	4	7
3	8	5	6	9	2	7	1	4
4	7	9	3	8	1	2	6	5
6	2	1	7	4	5	9	8	3

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XOXOXO

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 With Saturn moving slowly but relentlessly through the partnership area of your chart you must expect the occasional clash of egos. Think of it as a test to see how you react.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may feel a bit run down today but that is to be expected seeing as how hard you have been pushing yourself in recent weeks. Maybe it would be wise to cut back on your commitments a bit.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A creative activity has ground to a halt and no matter how hard you try you can't seem to get it moving again. Take the hint and leave it for a while. Maybe it's just that you're overtaxed.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Forget about personal issues today and focus on your material situation. Are you earning enough money? Are you happy with what you possess? If not it may be time for a change of direction. What can you do to kick-start your career?

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Travel plans may be disrupted today, so don't promise others that you will be at a certain place at a certain time because it may not be possible.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Has your golden touch deserted you? Maybe it has, for a while, but don't make a big issue of it because luck, like everything else in life, goes through recurring phases.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There have been times of late when you felt a bit lost, as if you were not quite sure where you belonged. Saturn in your sign is certainly taking away some of your anchors but your foundations are still strong.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You have a tendency to fear the worst and with Saturn moving through the most sensitive area of your chart your anxieties have a mind of their own.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It may seem as if someone has turned against you but don't be too sure. According to the planets they are still as loyal as ever but they need to juggle their commitments.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 No one does tough as well as Capricorn and cosmic activity in the career area of your chart means you'll get both jeers and cheers over the next 24 hours.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 All your doubts and fears will be swept away when Mars moves into one of the more positive areas of your chart One particular friend will inspire you to be amazing.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Don't give away too many secrets. You may like to gossip but if you say too much about other people today you may accidentally say too much about yourself as well.
SALLY BROMPTON

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:35-9:50am	Chuck Berry Tribute
10:20-10:35am	*Patricia O'Callaghan* - Songs of Leonard Cohen
11:05-11:10am	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
11:10-11:25am	Chuck Jackson of Downchild with the All Stars
11:55-12:10pm	Michael Burgess
12:40-12:45pm	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
12:45-1:00pm	Elton John Tribute - *Ronnie & the Jets*
1:30-1:40pm	Zoomer Fashion Show
2:10-2:15pm	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
2:15-2:30pm	Pink Floyd Tribute - *Floydfactor*
3:00-3:15pm	Disco Inferno Tribute
3:45-3:50pm	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
3:50-4:05pm	Toronto All-Star Big Band
4:20-4:35pm	Elvis Tribute

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:35-9:50am	Little Richard Tribute
10:20-10:35am	Ray Charles Tribute
11:05-11:10am	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
11:10-11:25am	Chuck Jackson of Downchild with the All Stars
11:55-12:10pm	Michael Burgess
12:40-12:45pm	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
12:45-1:00pm	Liona Boyd with special guest Srdjan Givoje
1:30-1:40pm	Zoomer Fashion Show
2:10-2:15pm	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
2:15-2:30pm	Supremes Tribute
3:00-3:25pm	Eagles/Queen Tribute with *Michael Shotton*
3:55-4:00pm	Stretch Break with *Toronto Rehab*
4.00-4.15pm	Neil Young Tribute - *Powderfinger*

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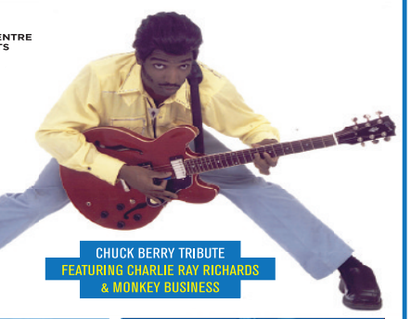
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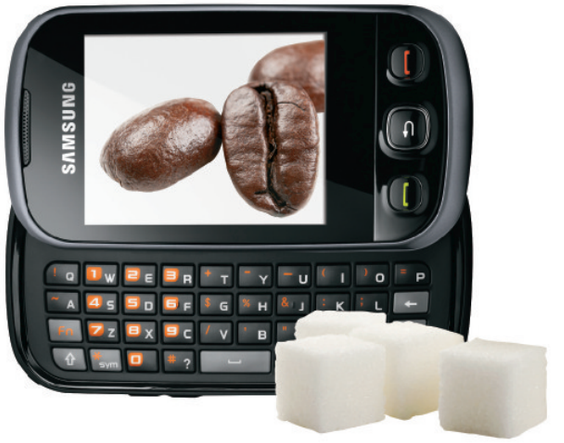

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